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Rollercoaster temperatures



Last week carpenters for Davis & Hanscom Inc. were layered up against below-zero temperatures and wind chills as they worked on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum on Main Street in Bethel. Here, Mark DeWitt works on a wall. Behind him is Todd Sawyer and Dennis Dyer. This week brought warming temperatures and rain. But by tomorrow night temps are expected to drop again.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bethel dog park hearing scheduled

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Planning Board will hold a public hearing Feb. 13 on the proposed Bethel Dog Park.

The project first came before the board last month, and planners continued their consideration at a meeting last week.

The one-acre, fenced in park would be placed next to the Pathway behind Dunkin' Donuts, on land that became town property as part of the Bethel Station project. As a result the application is an amendment to that site plan.

The facility would be a town project, but would be privately funded, similar to the skatepark at the other end of the Pathway.

A committee has been working on the plans. Steve Wight of Newry was authorized by Town Manager Jim Doar as the agent to present the plan to the board.

The plan has generated considerable concern among some residents.

To use the park in winter, an existing snowmobile trail would have to be rerouted around the park, and snowmobile club

members worried about the possible impact of the change on what is a busy sledding intersection in the winter.

But last week Wight displayed an updated rerouting of the trail that seemed to satisfy snowmobile club representatives present at the meeting.

Other concerns about the park include maintenance responsibilities and possible liabilities for the town. The committee has said that containers would be placed in the park for disposal of dog waste, and they would be emptied by the committee. Any liability for dog bites, they said, would be a civil situation between dog owners. (For proposed etiquette rules, see Letter to the Editor, Page 2.)

The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. It will precede the regular Planning Board meeting.

Dog populations

A quick survey of several area towns revealed the following numbers of dogs licensed in 2012: Bethel (including Albany and Mason townships), 421; Woodstock, 239; Newry, 90; and Gilead, 70.

Despite legal costs, Newry selectmen hold ground on Bilinsky abatements

By ALISON ALOISIO

For the fourth year in a row, the owner of a second home assessed at \$2.8 million by Newry has applied for a tax abatement.

Sophia Bilinsky of Kennett Square, Pa., had applied for abatements for the years 2009-2011, claiming the home was worth only \$1.7 million. She was denied by the town, as well as on appeal by the Oxford County Board of Assessment Review and by Oxford County Superior Court.

Her 2012 tax bill was \$25,527.

Last week Newry selectmen discussed how to proceed, and whether the mounting legal costs to the town justified another denial.

The town and Bilinsky have differed on issues including the availability of information on construction costs of the 2007 home, square footage, depreciation and the grade (quality of finish).

Town officials said that

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Fish eradication planned for Albany

By ALISON ALOISIO

A public informational meeting on a plan to eradicate introduced fish in three Albany ponds will take place Feb. 6 in Bethel.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife proposes the eradication, using the pesticide rotenone, in Crocker, Broken Bridge and Round ponds.

The move will set up a planned restocking of the ponds with brook trout.

IF&W fish biologist Jim Pellerin said last week that fish that are illegally introduced into a pond, such as through fishermen dumping their bait fish buckets or through campers, anglers or bait dealers putting them in for personal reasons, can

either compete or prey on brook trout and diminish the species' odds for survival in that location.

In Crocker the current problem is golden shiners, a bait fish. Broken Bridge has golden shiners, pickerel and hornpout.

An eradication and restocking process took place in those ponds in 2000, Pellerin said, but

the fish had been reintroduced, illegally and through a dam reconstruction.

Rotenone, he said, is naturally occurring (plant based) and will eradicate fish and some aquatic invertebrates, but does not harm mammals, birds and adult amphibians.

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Firefighter training requires dedication

By ALISON ALOISIO

Nine hours, every day for a month.

That's the equivalent amount of time two dozen area firefighters are currently dedicating to become state and federally certified in the many skills required to fight fires today.

Since last August, Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey and Class Coordinator Crystal Aylward have been running "Bethel Hill Firefighter I and II" classes, which are taught by a variety of fire personnel from across the region

and the state.

Certification requires some 260 hours of training - no small commitment from people who often work full-time jobs. There are 37 classes, ranging in length from four to 32 hours. Add in other requirements such as testing, said Jodrey, "and it ends up being over 300 hours."

The men and women represent 10 area towns: Bethel, Newry, Greenwood, Woodstock, Gilead, Waterford, Rumford, Mexico, Norway and Paris.

While certification is not

required to join a fire department, those who do not complete the course are limited in what they can do at a fire scene.

During the eight-month course in Bethel, the firefighters learn how fires behave, how to use personal turnout gear, portable fire extinguishers, hoses, foam and ladders; how to size up a fire scene, ventilate a burning building, search for victims, forcibly enter a building - and safely exit it. Survival or "self-rescue" skills teach them how, for example, to break a hole in a wall

and crawl between 16-inch spaced wall studs to safety.

Skills are not limited to just traditional structure firefighting, however. There's also wildfire training, extricating victims from a car accident and dealing with a major emergency incident, such as a train wreck ("Been there, done that," said Jodrey, referring to a train derailment in Gilead several years ago).

They also learn "pre-incident planning" to pre-

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SAD 44 makes counter offer to Andover school withdrawal committee

By ALISON ALOISIO

SAD 44 has responded with a counterproposal to Andover's proposed agreement to potentially withdraw from the school district.

The town, which has approximately 100 students, prepared an agreement last month and presented to SAD 44. Andover currently plans to vote this spring on whether or not to withdraw, effective July 1 of this year.

But at the Jan. 14 School Board meeting, district lawyer Bill Stockmeyer outlined many points in the Andover proposal that he said would be unfavorable financially and educationally for SAD 44. (See Jan. 17 Citizen.)

A committee of the board worked with Stockmeyer last week to craft a counterproposal. At Monday's SAD 44 School Board meeting, Supt. Dave Mur-

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Letters

TRUCKING SNOW TO BOSTON

To the Editor:

Must have been January 1980 - Les Otten called Sunday evening to say they were going to take a truck load of snow to Boston and dump it on the Common. Would I go? Not knowing what would happen Monday I hesitated but then said yes. Monday's caravan to Boston consisted of Les, Dick Rasor, the Sunday River truck driver and me. Our contribution was a tarp to cover the load of snow. We drove to the Hill Top Steak House on the Newburyport Turnpike in Saugus. There we met a party from the Boston Ski Club who led the way in.

We, people and truck load of snow, landed in front of the JFK Federal Building and Les took off with the ski club people to get final clearance to drive into the Common. Meanwhile Dick Rasor and I handed out Bethel, Bethel Inn and Sunday River brochures to anyone walking by and in and out of the JFK building. A lot of interested takers but then some came back to ask if a Bethel vacation was free? When they heard No, some returned the brochures. After noon we headed for the Common with our load of snow. On a slightly sloping part of the Common in sight of the John Hancock building we waited. Some media people drifted in. About 3 p.m. the sun went behind the Hancock tower putting us in the shade so we waited for the sun to move. Fifteen minutes later, the sun shone on our part of the Common. The truck dumped its load of snow, cameras clicked and TV cameras rolled. We headed back to the Hill Top to get cars; the truck driver and I ate at McDonalds and three hours later arrived home.

Lessons learned: stunts work to a degree but for Boston skiers to come to Maine skiing they want to see snow on the ground in Boston.

Donald G. Bennett
Bethel

GOOD SAMARITAN THANKS

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the woman who was the first person to assist me during my car accident on Jan. 3, 2013. I had the red Mini Cooper that hit a guardrail and telephone pole on Route 26 in Woodstock. Your swiftness in responding to see if I was okay, your soothing words and compassionate attempt to keep me from moving were deeply appreciated. I tried to find out your name from the first responders but your identity remains anonymous. I am very grateful to you for your generous kindness, assistance and time.

If you wish to identify yourself, please feel free to contact me in Bryant Pond. It would be nice to thank you in person.

Diane A. Dupuis
Bryant Pond

FLAG THANKS

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago we sent a letter to the Bethel Citizen in hopes that someone would be able to help us take down our old, tattered American flag and replace it with the new one we bought. It had been months of attempting to do the job to no avail. After our letter was printed, our heroes arrived. Scott Hynek and David Freiday brought first a ladder, then a scaffolding unit and working together like a well-oiled engine, they took down the old and put up the new! A great way to start the new year. The old flag is being given to the American Legion post where it will be disposed of properly. Laurence made them both a hearty breakfast and the job was done.

Thank you Scott and David and thanks to the Bethel Citizen for helping us to facilitate the "changing of the flag." Stop by or slow down as you pass our Inn to see the new flag in all its glory.

Marcia and Laurence Austin
Owners and Innkeepers, Austin's Holiday House B&B,
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

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PROPOSED DOG PARK ETIQUETTE RULES

To the Editor:

As has been well reported in the Citizen in the past several months, the Bethel Planning Board is considering an application by the Town of Bethel to construct a dog park on town land located behind the Rt. 2 Shell station and to the south of the Bethel Pathway. The dog park would add to the Pathway park complex, which currently includes, in addition to the pathway itself, Davis Park picnic and playground area, Bethel Skate Park, and the Androscoggin River boat access ramp. A public hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office to receive citizen input. In order to help those interested to better understand the operation of this proposed addition, I would like to introduce the proposed Dog Park Rules of Etiquette that are a part of the application:

No dog may be left unattended.

Dogs must be under the control of an adult at all times. Handlers are responsible for dogs' behavior.

No handler may bring more than 3 dogs at a time.

Dogs must be older than four months, vaccinated, and licensed.

No female dog in heat may enter the park.

Dogs must be on-leash until within the off-leash area.

All doors to the dog park and entry area must be closed after entering or exiting.

Any dog that becomes unruly must be leashed and removed from the park immediately.

No food - human or dog - of any kind is permitted in the park.

Handlers must always clean up after their dogs.

No children under age 7 are allowed in the off-leash area. Parents must supervise children at all times.

Users of the dog park do so at their own risk. The Town of Bethel, its officers/officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the dog park.

Steve Wight
Newry

for the Bethel Dog Park Committee

A FESTIVAL FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Class of 2013 will be hosting a Chocolate Festival on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethel Inn.

The Telstar Class of 2013 is using this event as a fundraiser for this year's Graduation. Sample delicious chocolate desserts with coffee or hot cocoa, admission will be \$5 per person for all you can eat.

We hope to see you there.

Kurt Mason, Brianna Santos, Carlee Beatson, Kevin Annis, and Gaby Conrad
2013 Class Officers

Fish

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"It breaks down rapidly and any impacts to non-target organisms are generally very short term," said Pellerin. It has been used for eradication since the 1930s, he said.

IF&W's primary goal is to restore Broken Bridge Pond, about 20 acres in size, to a quality brook trout fishery. But because it is connected to and downstream from Crocker Pond (10 acres), that pond must also be treated.

After the treatment and

restocking in 2000, he said, the catch rates for brook trout had more than doubled, and their growth rates and longer-term survival also improved significantly.

This would be the first eradication for 14-acre Round Pond since 1961, Pellerin said. It currently has hornpout and shiners that need to be removed, he said.

But the likelihood of successful eradication is less than in the other ponds be-

cause there are many connected wetlands and beaver ponds, said Pellerin.

"There are a lot of nooks and crannies," he said, in which fish can hide. As a result, IF&W is still considering whether or not to go ahead with eradication in that pond.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Evans Notch Visitor Center on Route 2 in Bethel. Snow date is Feb. 7. For more information call 657-2345, ext. 112.

Celladore

'What do you do for fun?'

We kept Kristie three years after we no longer used draft horses. She didn't need fences, roamed all over the place, never left, never went into the gardens. Her favorite spot for her ten-twenty nap each morning was between the driveway and the stone-wall garden where she could see everything that happened. Finally, despite living all summer on the best of grass and a lot of grain, she grew thinner and thinner; her coat lost its sleekness and became rough. We knew that she would not be able to eat enough to survive the winter. We could not let her die a slow death from starvation, so just as the leaves turned scarlet and gold, we put her down.

The day that Kristie went, Dottie B. came up the road leading four-month-old Sunset Telstar, a registered Morgan of Lippitt breeding that she had just bought. He was a scrawny, sickly little creature (he grew up to have beautiful action and infinite stamina) and made company in the barn for Brigadoon, who refused to eat for three days, mourning his lost friend. Was this any reflection upon the constancy of the sexes? Kristie never missed any departed stall mate. Brigadoon was an ex-polo horse whom B.B. had bought in the spring, a beautiful chestnut, a rag doll in the pasture and about the barn, and a hellion under saddle.

During the summer he had been pastured on the Godwin's island in the Androscoggin with their gray mare. The island had been cultivated once, later hayed. The grass was lush and nutritious. There was a bend in the river where the current was very slow. The horses could go back and forth into the Godwin's pasture but they always stayed on the island. The one day that they wandered off it made trouble. B.B. came home that night after eight o'clock utterly exhausted and bedraggled. It was a forewarning to me that light horses could be a nuisance as well as a joy.

The Godwin's neighbor kept beef cattle. He had put up that day a new fence around his pasture and enclosed also the two horses who did not belong there. Oakley had expected to catch them up easily, lead them back to their own pasture but the horses refused to be caught, raced and chased the cattle. B.B. went to help him fence in the island to insure their remaining there the rest of the summer. The boat had been soaked but even so had sunk and both men went into the river. This was no real problem (it was a rare 85-degree day). They had borrowed another boat, built the fence, and gone back to catch the horses.

They were still perverse; the devil seemed to have captured their usually docile souls. Finally Oakley's gray mare jumped the fence and swam over to the island. Brigadoon, left behind, was in despair. He kept racing up to the fence but was so well broken that he did not dare cross it. B.B. was proud of his training success but by now Brigadoon had only one thought, to join his friend; it was impossible to get his attention. Finally he charged pell-mell down the very steep bank where there was no fence. B.B. expected him to at least break a leg, but nothing could be done. The devil took care of his own; he did not hurt himself, swam with ease across the swift part of the current, emerged on the island, shook himself and began to graze. Now would he try coming back again someday? B.B. decided to forget it. If he drowned in the current, he would. If he made it into the neighbor's pasture, the neighbor had been given permission to shoot him. But Brigadoon had had his fling; he never left the island again until time to come home. He was much admired by many passers-by who wanted to buy him.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated. All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444. News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: After becoming trapped in four feet of icy water in the Crooked River, Shannon Sumner's cow, Midnight, was rescued with the help of Byron and Jeremy Lapham, Jeremy Smith, Josh Hamilton, and Brad Chamberlain.

Bethel Area Winterfest kicked off with a Snowmobile Weekend Party at the Great Grizzly Steakhouse.

Deaths: Leona B. Flint, James N. Anderson, Robert D. Parsons, Frederick N. Scribner, Elaine H. Averill.

20 years ago: P.H. Chadbourne Company announced plans to renovate and expand its existing 8,147 square-foot sawmill to include 10,825 square feet of new floor space.

Andover residents agreed overwhelmingly to accept the grant and loan offered by the Farmers Home Administration to develop a new state-mandated water system.

Death: Helen O. Ring.

30 years ago: A fire, caused by an overheated metal asbestos chimney, gutted the home of John and Jackie Gunther in West Bethel.

Telstar students Lisa Newell and Sean Kersey were selected to attend the New England Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at UNH in April.

Births: Daniel Alan Stevens, Heather Pearl Jordan, Jennifer Lynn Durgin.

40 years ago: Pen and ink drawings by Dick Johnston of Andover were on display at the Bethel Library.

Rehearsals were underway for Gould Academy's March production on "H. M. S. Pinafore."

Deaths: John E. Rollins, Mrs. Sadie Belle Logan Bartlett, Mrs. Alice French Smith, Edward C. (Doc) Stuart.

50 years ago: Included in the Jan. 31 issue of the Citizen was the 28 page Oxford County Review.

About a foot of snow fell in the area, accompanied by high winds.

Birth: Rebecca Lulu Bean.

Death: George L. Jackson.

60 years ago: A number of homes owned by E.L. Tebbets Spool Co., Inc. of Locke Mills had been sold to the residents.

The Mother's March for the benefit of the Police fund collected \$266.07.

Birth: Priscilla Irene Andrews.

70 years ago: S/Sgt. Walter Sause and Pfc. Harold B. Henthorne of the First Fighter Command spoke on the importance and organization of the warning service observation posts. The meeting was held at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

Constance Sawyer, a senior at Gould Academy, was one of 40 students in the United States to win an all expense trip to Washington, DC, to attend the Science Talent Institute.

Death: Leon G. Widber.

80 years ago: Miss Barbara Herrick entered nurses training class at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.

Bennett's Garage at West Bethel was burned. Entire contents of the building were lost.

Death: John Gill.

100 years ago: H. O. Reid was station agent at West Bethel.

Deaths: Henry W. Poor, Joseph T. Chapman, Mrs. Cora D. Lurvey.

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Training

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pare themselves ahead of time for their response.

For example, said Jodrey, firefighters must consider not only the incident itself, but also the possible need to transport people away from the scene.

A Gilead firefighter chose to plan a response to incidents on the Androscoggin River, usually boating accidents.

Other classes deal with hazardous materials training, anti-terrorism and basic medical care.

Despite the grueling schedule and activities, the students are sticking with it, said Jodrey.

"We're over halfway through and we've only lost one," he said.

Ben Laier of the Newry Fire Department, who otherwise works as a lift attendant at Sunday River Ski Resort, said he had no illusions about what he was getting into when he signed up for the classes.

"It's very physical, getting used to carrying 55 pounds of turnout gear," he said. "But that's what it's all about - we're asked to do things above and beyond our normal abilities."

The youngest member of the class is 14-year-old

Fabian Corriveau Jr. of Greenwood, a freshman at Telstar High School.

He joined the Fire Department because, he said, "I like watching my dad do it."

He said learning the skills "are pretty hard," and staying for classes until 10 p.m. at night can be a challenge.

But he particularly likes search and rescue skills. "It's really fun," he said.

One of the instructors is Rumford Fire Chief Bob Chase, who has been teaching such courses for five years. He had praise for both the students and the organizational skills of the BFD.

Chase said that the attention to detail by Jodrey and Aylward in having all the paperwork done and the equipment in place makes the classes successful for everyone. "It allows me to teach," he said.

As for the firefighters, he said, the level of participation and their success bodes well for the future. "They choose to do this, to be the best they can," he said.

To follow the firefighters and their training activities, go to their "Bethel Hill Firefighters" Facebook page.



A LOT OF WORK
Two dozen area firefighters are currently working on their Firefighter I and II certifications in classes held at the Bethel Fire Station. Here, they learn how to handle sprinkler systems. (Photo courtesy Bethel Fire Department)

Newry

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legal costs for last year totaled several thousand dollars.

They did not provide a specific figure, nor the amount the town would lose in an abatement. The town's mill rate is 9.1.

Selectman Brooks Morton raised the question of whether continuing a legal defense was worth the cost.

Chair Wendy Hanscom said it was a matter of principle. "If she just keeps pushing us until we settle for the legal fees, that's not right. I don't feel like just because she's putting our feet to the fire we've got to cave."

The Newry board is simultaneously dealing with the 2012 and 2011 abatement requests, and

weighing the implications of a recent court ruling on the 2010 appeal.

The 2011 request is scheduled to go before OXBAR Feb. 13.

Last month, Superior Court Judge Robert W. Clifford upheld OXBAR's denial of the 2010 abatement appeal.

But near the end of his ruling he wrote, "Plaintiffs did present some evidence that is persuasive, but because they had the burden to prove that the assessment was manifestly wrong, the court can vacate the decision of the Board only if the record compels the conclusion that they met that burden. Although the plaintiffs presented more evidence before the board

than they presented in their prior appeal seeking an abatement of the 2009 taxes, the issues presented were the same. Based on review of the record, the court is convinced that the Board could have found the assessment manifestly wrong, but is not convinced that the Board was compelled to so conclude."

As a result of that opinion, selectmen were uncertain about how solid their case would be for 2012. They also noted that the membership of the OX-

BAR panel has changed in the past year.

The selectmen favored waiting to see OXBAR's decision on the pending 2011 appeal before responding to Bilinsky's 2012 abatement request. They planned to ask her for more information on the home.

Hanscom said the town's assessor had advised that unless selectmen were told by one of the appeal bodies that they had done something wrong, different action was not warranted.

"If they point out something wrong in 2011, we did the same thing in 2012," said Hanscom.

However, on Monday Powers said that the town's attorney on the case had since advised that selectmen should respond immediately to Bilinsky.

Bilinsky's attorney, Jarrod Crockett, was contacted to see if she wished to comment on the abatement issue, but he did not respond by press time.

Public hearing

In other business, a public hearing will take place Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office regarding a proposed amendment to the Unified Development Review Ordinance. The proposal would combine several sections of the UDRO, according to town officials, and will be voted upon at the annual town meeting in March.

The hearing will follow the regular selectmen's meeting, which takes place at 4:30 p.m.

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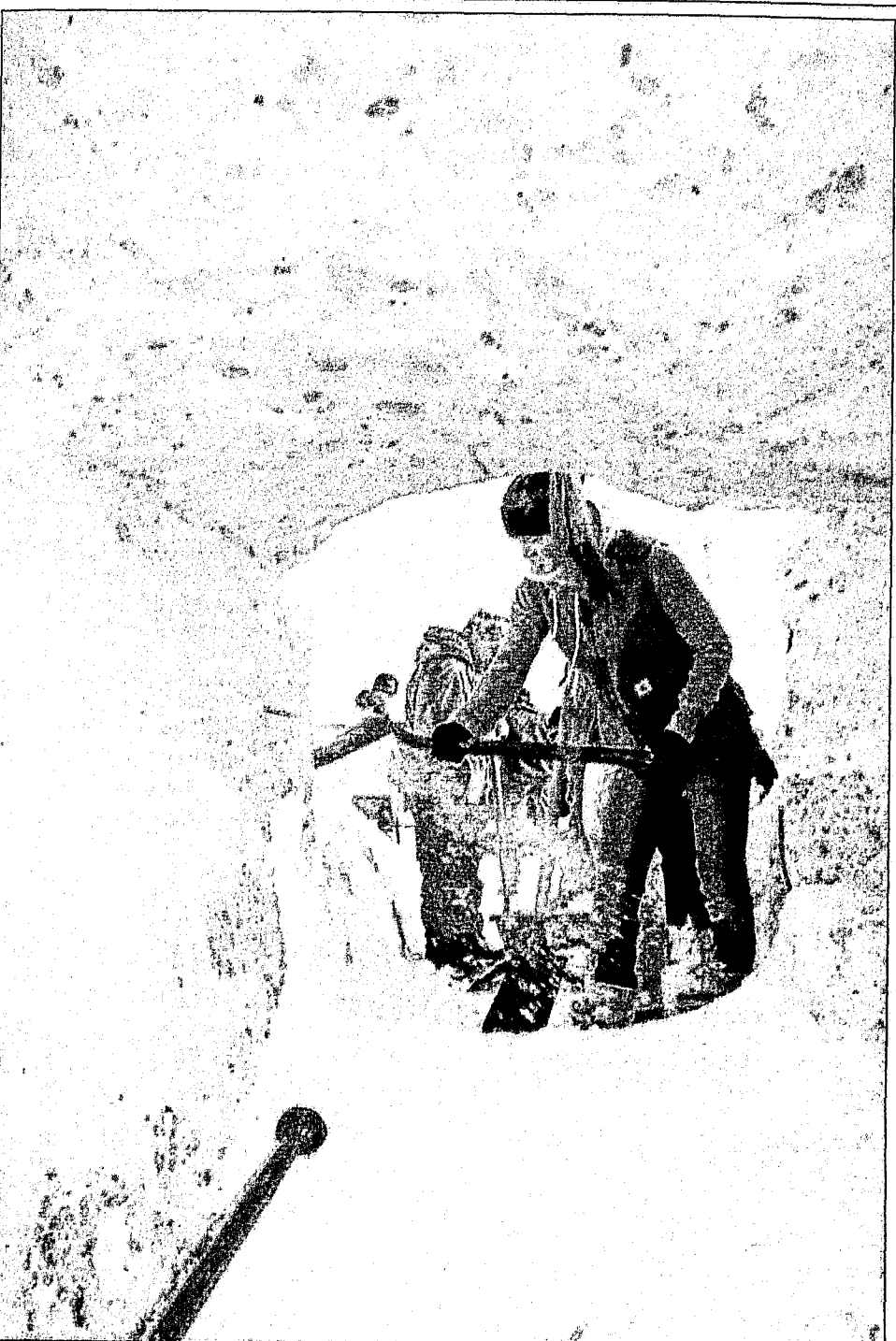
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LEARNING ENGINEERING MATH

Students in Susan Coyne's Telstar High School math class are helping out with this year's snow volcano in Bethel, and learning math in the process. Engineer Jim Sysko's "snowcano" plans include building a tunnel into the center of the snow mountain. Sysko visited Telstar and gave a talk about how he has used math to design and build various engineering projects. The students decided to combine community service with the opportunity to experience "math in action." The tunnel will function as an air-intake to help ignite the snowcano. The students began digging it last week, taking turns with shovels and pick axes. Coyne planned math calculations that included the volume and weight of the snow as of Jan. 22 and as of completion, and how much water will be needed to complete it from the size it was on Jan. 22. Pictured above are, from left: Josh Eliot, teacher John Eliot, Taran Vitale, Travis Brown, Ryan Bennett, Jordan Pilgrim, Alex Brown, Benton Mackaye, Mohammed Alzubaidi, Charles Raymond (Dean of Students), Coyne, Trevor Chenard, Lucas Gordon, Thomas Wright, Sam Mallory and Maisie Griffin. "I had a blast there," said Josh Eliot. Shoveling above are Mohammed Alzubaidi (front) and Taran Vitale. Right: The students returned on Tuesday to continue work. Here, in a view from the inside of the tunnel, Savannah Patenaude widens the entrance. The students calculated that one-quarter of the snow needed to reach the top is currently in place. A pile of manmade snow next to the snowcano was scheduled to be pushed onto it midweek by snow groomers from Sunday River Ski Resort.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

When I was younger, much younger, I remember having conversation with people I considered pretty old. In fact, I thought they were ancient.

These old people had some pretty interesting stories, but they often used phrases or made references to things I didn't understand. When I questioned what they meant they often dismissed me saying, "Never mind, you're too young to understand."

Now I find myself in their position...I am the older person and I don't much like it.

The other day I was helping to celebrate the birthday of a young man in the office where I work part-time. Myself, the birthday boy and two other co-workers, also much younger, were sitting around a table eating birthday cake.

I reached across the birthday boy to hand some napkins to one of the other people and said, "Pardon my boarding house reach." All three people looked at me like I was speaking in tongues.

I was stunned until I realized that the three younger people had probably never heard of a boarding house. They probably thought it was something right out of Charles Dickens and I was probably that old.

I attempted to explain about factory and mill workers and boarding

houses and was met with wide-eyed stares. So, I dismissed them by saying, "Never mind, you're too young to understand."

The conversation eventually turned to movies and actors. I like movies and have been watching them for a lot of years. When a particular actor was mentioned I asked if any of them had seen

TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND

that actor's father in such and such movies. I was once again met with wide-eyed stares from the assembled group. I then dismissed them by saying, "Never mind, you're too young to understand."

As we were getting into a festive party mood, the birthday boy said what he would really like to do for his birthday was take a nap. Without even thinking about the youngsters I was dealing with I did a take off on an old pop song and sang, "It's my party and I'll nap if I want too."

Again the wide-eyed stares and again I dismissed them with, "Never mind, you're too young to understand."

At that point I took my aging body back to

my desk and contemplated my dying brain cells.

Up until now my concerns about aging have been physical in nature. I have anguished over all my aches and pains that I didn't used to have. I have worried about my failing eyesight and that maybe my hearing isn't as sharp any more. But I have never been concerned that people might not have a clue about what I'm saying.

Oh, sure, my grandkids would sometimes look at me a little funny or ask for an explanation, but they're kids, it's to be expected.

What I never expected is that I would need to translate the meaning of my words to people in their 30's. Now, I understand why my kids sometimes give me that wide-eyed stare.

I guess it's that same wide-eyed stare I give to them when they say things like OMB or TMI! But, really, boarding house reach, you'd think they would understand that! I'm glad I didn't tell the birthday group that I had to get back to my typewriter.

I'm sure there are a lot of older people reading this that know exactly what I'm talking about and the way I see it for the younger ones who don't, "Never mind, you're too young to understand."

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SAD 44

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phy outlined the district's counter proposal.

Among the proposed changes to the Andover plan:

1. The effective date of withdrawal would be moved ahead by a year to 2014, because July 1 of this year would not allow enough time for SAD 44 to prepare its budget. SAD 44 would need to have the withdrawal decided by April 1 of this year. If Andover wishes to stay with the 2013 timeline, SAD 44 asks for "milestone dates" to show how the parties will be able to accomplish the steps required.

2. Andover middle and high school students would be tuitioned exclusively to SAD 44 for at least 10 years (with exceptions for superintendent agreements and special education), to protect district taxpayers and education, rather than allowing Andover to make no commitment on tuitioning its students.

3. Andover would be responsible for all special education costs for Andover resident students, rather than SAD 44 paying for those who would be tuitioned to the district.

4. Andover could have two SAD 44 busses rather than the four requested.

5. Andover would be required to fulfill its share of existing SAD 44 debt obligations, rather than leaving without continuing them, as proposed.

6. SAD 44 would pay Andover 6.04 percent of the unencumbered general fund balance instead of the 10.07 percent proposed, and Andover would not recoup any amounts expended at Telstar. And SAD 44 would pay Andover 6.04 percent of the capital reserve fund, if and only if the district proposed to spend it on a school other than Telstar.

The counterproposal also acknowledged the approval of some provisions requested by Andover.

The counterproposal was sent to the Andover Withdrawal Committee's attorneys last Friday, Murphy said. Andover recently received a 90-day extension from the Maine Department of Education on its allotted time to submit a plan to

the DOE, which must approve it.

The new deadline is April 20.

In other business Monday, the board voted 13-1 to extend Murphy's contract another year. Andover director Tim Akers was opposed.

The board also changed a March 21 workshop day to March 18 so staff may attend a workshop in RSU 10.

Murphy informed the board that Title I educational technician Heather Hayward has resigned.

Directors will meet next Monday for student disciplinary hearings.

Sun Media Wire

The former Penley Mill in West Paris was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning as 50 firefighters from a dozen towns worked in freezing cold to fight the stubborn blaze and protect a nearby storehouse full of fireworks.

The Penley Mill building near the intersection of Route 219 and Greenwood Road in West Paris was "fully involved" with fire at 1:45 a.m., a witness said.

Fireworks retailer and wholesaler AAH Fireworks opened a store and fireworks warehouse on the site last June. Firefighters prevented the

fire from spreading to the warehouse.

Flames rose from the roof of the vacant mill building near the intersection of Penley Avenue (Route 219) and Greenwood Street. The building was fully engulfed at 1:45 a.m., a witness said.

According to West Paris fire Chief Norman St. Pierre, most of the town's reservoir of water was drained trying to douse the fire. Firefighters had to load water into tankers from the nearby river.

Investigators from the state Fire Marshal's Office arrived at the mill at about 10 a.m. and expected to be on-site, with the department's incident command

vehicle, for several days to determine the cause of the fire.

No one was injured, but what is left of the mill will probably have to be torn down, St. Pierre said. According to municipal assessing records, the two-and-a-half-story building was valued at \$168,400.

St. Pierre said he believed owners Bill Birney of Paris and Karen Birney of West Paris carried some insurance on the property. The nearby fireworks-storage building was damaged, but the melted siding and a buckled wall on the side of the warehouse facing the mill can be repaired, the chief said.

The fireworks store, which is the old workshop area of the mill, is about 100 feet from the burned building.

According to St. Pierre, the presence of fireworks "played no role at all in this fire. There was no problem as soon as we got water on the back of the store," he said.

History of the mill
Penley Corp., founded by three brothers in 1923, became known as the "Clothespin Capital of the World" for its brisk sales of one-piece birch clothespins.

A decade after the mill opened, brothers Fred, Lester and Walter Penley expanded operations to manufacture flat-slotted and wooden spring clothespins, according to a summary of the company's history.

In 1982, the plant employed between 110 and 130 people, operating under import quotas designed to help domestic companies remain more competitive. According to an Associated Press story at that time, Penley and other clothespin manufacturers in Maine reported output and productivity increased as a result of the quotas, and the industry spent \$700,000 on modernization to meet the foreign competition.

At the Penley Mill, then being run by Richard Penley, the third generation of his family to manage the business, the company made two years' worth of capital improvements to keep up with demand. But, Penley told the AP, "If the quota system hadn't been in place, we wouldn't have the improved sales in 1980 and '81, and we wouldn't have been able to justify the expenditures."

Without the continuation of those quotas, he said, "whether we would survive in some fashion, we don't know."

While operating in West Paris, the Penley family became known for its philanthropy in education and government.

When the mill closed in 2002, unable to compete with foreign imports, it was the last wooden clothespin manufacturing company in the United States.

From its opening to closing days, the mill was the largest employer in West Paris, manufacturing clothespins, producing pallet stock and operating as a log storage yard. When the mill closed, 39 of the company's 54 employees were laid off; the remaining employees stayed on to work in the log yard and the mill's importing and distribution center, filling orders for clothespins, matches, plastic flatware and straws.

In the year before the mill closed, town officials had worked with Penley Corp. to reduce the tax burden on personal property, granting a break for depreciation on equipment, hoping it would help Penley sell the mill.

In talks with selectmen, Penley said he was forced to close because foreign manufacture of clothespins was more economical due to lower labor costs, and orders for pallet material had dropped in recent years.

Penley-made clothespins are still available through online auction

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Penley Mill in West Paris burns

OCSD Patrol Log

Thursday, Jan. 24

At 2:12 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes stopped a vehicle on Mayville Road in Bethel. The driver, Bridgitte Clough, 24, was arrested for operating after suspension.

At 4:04 p.m. a subject reported that on Route 2 in Bethel a vehicle had struck his mirror. Sgt. Matt Baker responded.

Friday, Jan. 25

At 12:39 p.m. a Bethel caller reported he had read a post on social media that he found disturbing. Deputy Mike Halacy checked it and found it to be a person exercising First Amendment rights. The subject was advised to not read other people's posts.

Saturday, Jan. 26

At 6:30 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to a domestic situation on Vernon Street in Bethel. He arrested David B. Cherkis, 44, of Bethel for assaulting a police officer. Additional charges were pending.

At 11:42 a.m. a business on the Sunday River Road in Bethel reported threats made by a disgruntled customer. A report was completed documenting the incident.

At 2:26 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel to assist the Maine Warden Service regarding a personal injury crash involving a single snowmobile. It resulted in a minor injury.

Sunday, Jan. 27

At 3:12 p.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Mill Road in Upton. A male subject was charged with marijuana cultivation (22 plants).

At 1:46 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Newry for a report of noise in a condominium. He warned the occupants.

At 2:15 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Snow Cap Road in Newry for a report of a loud group in the common area of a lodge. The group was found to be quiet on arrival, but they were asked to return to their rooms. They complied.

At 2:33 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy and other officers responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report that a subject had been shot in the face. It was found that one person had fired one round from a 20-gauge shotgun and that a second person had injuries to his face and head. Later it was determined the injuries were not from a bullet. The subject was transported to Stephens Memorial Hospital by ambulance. The person who had fired the gun had been assaulted and was checked by Bethel Rescue. The case is under investigation.

Monday, Jan. 28

At 2:57 a.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to the Songo Pond Road in Bethel for a report of two horses headed in the direction of Bethel.

At 10:04 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Crescent Lane for a report of a school burglary. The case was under investigation.

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Applicant: Town of Bethel
Steve Wight, Authorized Agent
Location: Map 25 Lot 242
Public Hearing:
Wednesday, February 13, 2012 at 6:00 PM
in the Town Office Meeting Room.

All application materials are on file in the Bethel Town Office; please contact the Planning Assistant or Code Enforcement Officer for additional information.

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In 2003, Bill and Karen Birney purchased the mill, which had been vacant for more than two years, with plans to convert it into a warehouse called Old Mill Storage.

The couple converted 20,000 square feet of bulk storage space for large items like cars, snowmobiles and boats.

The Birneys had plans to

open an additional 28,000 square feet for self-storage on three floors where the assembly, shipping and bagging processes occurred when the clothespin mill was fully operational.

In 2007, the mill was selected to receive federal Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields assessment funding to evaluate the potential industrial contamination and cleanup of the site.

Briefly

Local cadet in inaugural parade

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Virginia Military Institute Cadet Benjamin Cross from Bethel was among the approximately 1,500 who marched in this year's presidential Inaugural Parade Jan. 21. Cross's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Cross III. The Corps of Cadets marched through the heart of Washington, D.C., from the U.S. Capitol Building to the reviewing stand at the White House. The Corps was the final group in the parade, passing the president in review at about 6:30 p.m.

Petition for plowing in Hanover

PARIS — The Oxford County Commission took no action last week on a request from a group of Hanover landowners that the town plow their road. The matter was tabled to the Feb. 19 meeting while commissioners get information from town officials regarding the original 2003 decision to close South Shore Road to winter maintenance. The petitioners own homes on the mile-long dirt road that follows the southern end of Howard Pond. In 2003, the town stopped plowing the road and since then landowners who use their properties have split the cost of private contractors. There are about 35 homes on South Shore Road, according to the petitioners, and about seven are used in the winter. The 11 petitioners argue that the lack of town plowing means that emergency services as well as power companies and fuel deliveries are blocked from accessing the homes during winter months. According to the minutes of the Hanover Board of Selectmen, on Oct. 16 the board voted again not to resume winter maintenance of the road. Residents are now taking their request to the commission. State law says that municipalities can deem winter maintenance of certain roads unnecessary. That decision can be appealed to the county commission, which has final say on whether the road must be maintained.

School Lunch

Week of Feb. 4

SAD 44 Elementary Schools

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich/WG bread, tomato soup, cuke slices, crunchy Maine apple, juicy orange wedges, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Tuesday: Chicken fajita and cheese wrap, Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread, or Tex-Mex beans/salsa, Mexican corn, peaches, raisins.

Wednesday: Pizza w/WG crust, Casear salad, banana, fruit choice, veg. choice, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie, dinner roll, squash, fruit choices, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

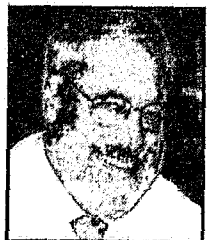
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



We're only ten days away from Bethel Winterfest 2013, which runs three

weekends, from Feb. 9 through Feb. 24. This year Winterfest includes sledding, snowshoeing, a snowman contest, snow groomer rides, RailWars rail jam, and a snowcano that will erupt on Feb. 16. Snow guns are set up at Festival Park and are making snow for the snowcano and sledding hill. Although sledding officially begins Feb. 9, on Sunday a few people were sneaking in some unofficial runs. If you've never seen snow guns in action, this is a good chance to sit in your warm car, sip a cup of coffee, and watch the birth of the Winterfest Snowcano. The Winterfest schedule is online at www.bethelwinterfest.com.

As we all know, Maine doesn't shut down in cold weather. Here in town, work continues on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum on Main Street. Within the last couple of weeks, the former Odd Fellows' building, which will be part of the new museum, was jacked up, and construction to connect the two buildings has begun. Down on Route 26, Tuckers Doghouse has a new sign advertising the dog boarding and daycare facility. Farther south on Route 26 in Bryant Pond, road crews are working in single-digit temperatures to repair the crumbling retaining wall that holds back the embankment near the ball fields.

Remember to wear red tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 1. It is the 10th Annual National Wear Red Day and 10th Year of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day. The day calls special attention to the fight against heart disease in women.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Here it is, the end of January, Spring is right around the corner now,

hopefully. Last weekend Neil Olson attended the Baseball Hot Stove Luncheon in Montpelier, Vt. The Black Flies are practicing once a week now... so see, Spring IS on its way.

Neil also told me that our local trappers Kenny and Tony Mason and Axel Annis had a successful year trapping. Our congratulations to all of them.

I didn't receive any suggestions yet for us to have some with a cabin fever buster them. Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

My daughter Sam is a very proud mom, as Hayli received the Xtra Math Certificate for demonstrating answering all basic facts in 3 seconds. Congratulations, Hayli, we are so proud of you.

Do come by the Shop to see me and browse. You'd be amazed to see all the nice things we have there, at very affordable prices. Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The last day of January has arrived and I feel that the ever changing

weather has made it a long month. February always seems to go by quickly, since it is a short month, but March is one of those months that can go on forever. The wind blew so hard last week that it blew over the pole that holds our bird feeder. Gilead lost power for about four hours last Friday morning between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

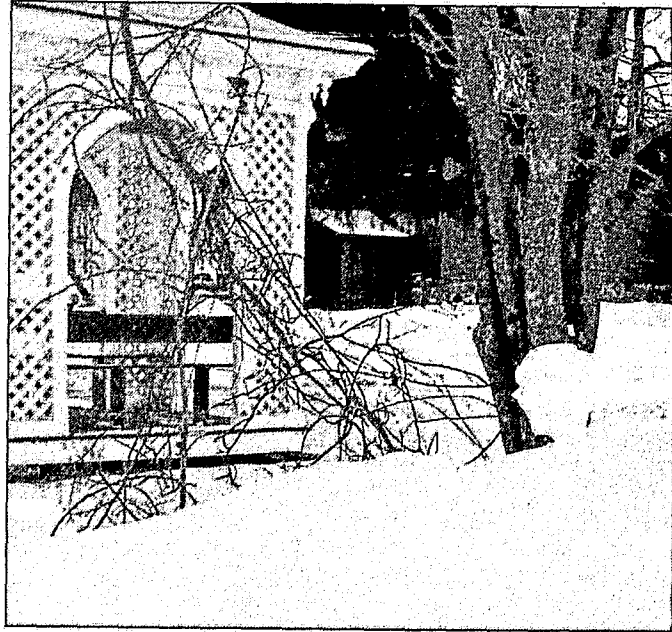
My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy at work (MSAD 44 maintenance garage) with all this cold weather that has been happening. It takes a lot for the crew to keep the buses operating safely at all times.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the 1st birthday party for their nephew, Teddy Crockett, the son of Jarrod and Paige Crockett. It was an enjoyable experience, and they want to thank the parents for inviting them.

Steve and Lise McLain want to wish a Happy Birthday to two of their sons, Major Stephen McLain, III whose birthday is Jan. 27 and Joey McLain whose birthday is Jan. 30, plus a Happy Birthday to their daughter-in-law Carole Mason whose birthday is Jan. 30. Major McLain was born on his maternal great-grandmother Cora Heath's birthday. A belated Happy Birthday wish goes out to their nephew, Jarrod Crockett, whose birthday is January 20.

Mary Tyler made a trip to Tilton, N.H., recently. While there, she made a stop at BJ's to stock up and to visit friends and relatives. She met up with Karen Caveney and Karen's niece, Angela Carson, and went out to lunch. Mary also said that she has had a hawk hanging around behind her house. She said it looked like a young Sharp-shinned Hawk.

We have had a couple of new visitors to the bird feeder. There has been a Snow Bunting hanging around this past week. A Mink also appeared out front by the feeder and was looking around where the red squirrels had been hiding seeds. There are still several turkeys that appear almost every day to pick up seeds that have fallen from the feeder.



ANTHROPOMORPHISM-Danna Nickerson got this recent photo of the head of an "ice man" looking at the Bethel Historical Society's summer house.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS is happy to welcome Mike Stowell as the latest Life Member of the society. Mike has been with the GHS since the beginning and has been keeping up with all our projects. He actually had a chance to visit Gilead on Friends and Family Day this past June with his family.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15,

Morning Worship at 10:30, and Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is Prayer Meeting. Feb. 17, the church will celebrate Heritage Day.

Remember Tuesday, Feb. 5, will be exercise class at the library. Led by Nancy Willard. Fun and good for you. All seniors welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 2, Franklin Grange 124 will meet at Alice Hoyt's for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. with a potluck luncheon following.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Conference Room on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 11:30. Potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. There will be a silent auction. Please bring an item for that also.



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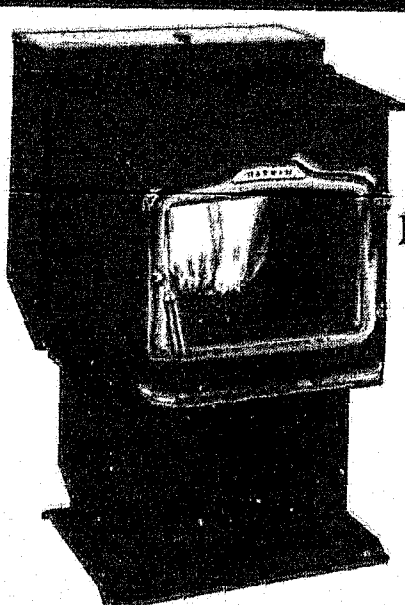
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Marybeth Hoover and cat, Rufus, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover, and grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday evening at 6 p.m., Feb. 2, at the Town Conference Room. Light refreshments follow the meeting. Larry Bonney will speak on some of the early settlements of Woodstock for the program.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid Association will have a meeting after breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 3.

They plan to discuss, and choose a quilt pattern for this year's quilt. Saturday, Feb. 16, at 5 p.m. the Ladies will offer a dinner featuring German foods. Sunday, Feb. 17, Carol and Charlie will host their annual Winter Fun Party.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Upton House. Jennie, Neil and I took advantage of the snowmobile registration reciprocity weekend and rode a long loop to Colebrook and back. Some of the trails were wider and straighter than Upton's but not many were better groomed. The trails and the trailside businesses were all busy. It was good to see a lot of family groups with small children enjoying the trails and the views.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Last week's column
The Upton Ladies Aid Association held a meeting after breakfast Sunday.

Their upcoming events include a supper Saturday, Feb. 16. The supper menu will feature German foods. Sunday, Feb. 17, Carol and Charlie will host their annual "Winter Fun Party." The party will begin at 2 p.m. The Ladies plan to serve Sunday breakfasts from now to Mother's Day. Their next scheduled meeting is Sunday, Feb. 3, after breakfast.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

Officers and members of the Letter B Notch Riders are starting to discuss potential plans and goals

for the 2013 season. The first club meeting is planned for March 10, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Selectmen met Wednesday, Jan. 16. They (mostly) finalized the 2012 fiscal year paperwork.

The selectmen appointed Rose Stevens as registrar of voters and Brian Knightly as building inspector.

Both appointees were sworn in. They will hold their February meeting on the 5th, 7 p.m. in the town office.

The Upton Planning Board was scheduled to meet Friday, Jan. 25 in the town office for a workshop, followed by review of building applications.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Local Hub is open on the corner of Route 26 and Howe Hill Road!

We are all very glad to see our corner store back in business. Formerly Round Pond Corner Store and before that Bob's Corner Store, The Local Hub is much more than just bread and milk. They carry farm-fresh eggs, gluten-free baked goods from The Dunham Farm, and many other great items. Stop in and check them out.

Last week's Bethel Citizen had an article claiming that Greenwood was sending more trash than usual to the G&W Recycling Center. I asked Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks where the numbers came from, and she did not know because data is not collected. By the time you read this, the Selectmen of both Greenwood and Woodstock as well as their town managers will have met to discuss this. Maybe the front page of today's paper will give us more information about this claim.

There is great area pride in Bethel's inaugural poet Richard Blanco. During the early 1900s another well-known writer was a frequent visitor to this area. Kenneth Roberts, author of the novels "Arundel," "Rabble in Arms," "Northwest Passage" and more, came to an old farm in Ketchum to write his columns for The Saturday Evening Post and other magazines. As the story goes, Roberts' friends, who owned the farm, would drag him up here from Kennebunk, Maine, for a "sobering" few days so he could get

the article written.

Norm Milliard's gallery, Artistic Endeavors, is hosting an exhibit of Francoise (Louette) Fetchko. Francoise paints in oil and utilizes nature and her surroundings as her inspiration. The exhibit opening is Friday, Feb. 1, 5-7 p.m., and the location is 171 Main Street, Bethel. Her art will be on display through Feb. 23.

The cold and the strong winds of last week made it quite clear that it is winter in Maine. Too cold to go out except briefly, and that can mean the onset of cabin fever. Irritable, cranky, restless, and stuck inside. That pretty much covers it. The phrase supposedly first came into being in 1918 and meant "a need to get out and about." Stephen King did well by it with his novel "The Shining." The main character had an extreme case of cabin fever to say the least. But there is an immediate cure for cabin fever, and that is get out and about. The long-term cure for cabin fever? Spring.

You can send news to

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Christmas Mona's daughters, grand-daughters and great-

grandchildren were at our house for opening presents. At one point Neal Phelps was standing on the porch having a smoke and was watching the chickadees at the bird feeder and pecking around on the ground. One chickadee alighted on the steps and was pecking at something tiny. Shiloh, being a bird dog saw the chickadee on the steps, walked over, and while Neal watched, pounced with both front paws on the chickadee! Neal said it wasn't quite a fair matchup—a 100 pound dog vs. a 2 or 3 oz bird!

Last Saturday morning I was dressed for the cold weather with my long underwear, a hoodie sweatshirt and my heavy barn coat when I went into the woods. Just after my first maple tree crashed to the ground, I stood up, chainsaw in hand, when, "Thump," something knocked my hard hat to the ground. I looked all around the tree stump, my

saw and around where I stood trying to figure out what had hit me on the hard hat. Then I noticed that my hood was snubbed up tight, and the starter rope handle was almost unmovable. Voila! I knew it had happened again. The ends of the hoodie string had caught on the spinning saw starter reel, yanked the hoodie tight, knocking the hard hat off, feeling like it had been struck by a falling tree limb! I know Bob Lowell will be pleased when I bring in the broken starter spindle!

Our cruise ship passage through the Panama Canal locks was quite interesting. First, the ship channels through the locks are actually two parallel channels, separated by a dividing wall perhaps 30 feet wide. There are cog railroad tracks running alongside both ship channels. There are multiple locomotives on each track. The locomotives have two purposes, to pull the ships through the locks and to keep the ships centered in the water channels through the locks, so ships do not hit the sides of the locks. Interestingly, two ships go through the locks side by side, one in each channel. I was told this was to keep the water pressure equalized on both sides of the dividing wall.

When we went through the north set of locks, there was a huge Chinese cargo ship in the channel beside us. Both the cargo ship and our cruise ship were so huge there seemed to be only about two feet clearance between the ship hulls and the channel walls, although it might have been slightly more. There were eight locomotives assigned to each large ship, two on each side bow and two more on each side stern. Each locomotive let out a cable which was attached to the ship, and a winch kept tension on the cables to keep the ship centered in the channel. The locomotive tracks had a steep incline at each end of the three levels of locks that we went through, hence, the need for the cogs in mid tracks.

An experienced narrator kept a running dialog about what was happening at each step in the process. He said that the locks are designed so that no pumps

are required because there is gravity flow of water from Gatun Lake. Water flows from the upper level locks to the lower levels as the ships come through. Huge gates at each end of a lock step open and close to regulate water levels as ships go through.

Since ships go through both sides of the locks side by side in the same direction, the Canal offers one-way traffic. The direction of ship travel is in one direction for a few hours, and in the other direction for the next few hours. Ships must arrange to enter the locks at specific times, and there were dozens of ships waiting outside the canal entrances for their time to come. All in all it was an interesting event for us land lubbers.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Oxford County Commissioners listened to comments from

Hanover citizens and town officials at their meeting on Jan. 22 in South Paris. A petition to open South Shore Road for winter maintenance brought the two groups together to discuss the situation. The town had never plowed South Shore Road in the winter. The landowners pay a private contractor to plow the road. There are now 38 homes on South Shore Road with seven presently used all year. The contractor for the remaining town roads say South Shore Road with its dirt surface is too narrow and dangerous for their larger equipment. The Town of Hanover was asked to find more documentation regarding the 2003 road closing notification and tabled the discussion until their Feb. 19 meeting.

Former area resident H. Howard Dunn, age 80, died January 12, 2013, at Ellsworth where he had

recently been residing. He grew up in the Ellsworth area and after college he became a teacher at Kimball School in Rumford Point. He resided in a house in Hanover and later lived many years at Rumford Point. He stayed with the Rumford School system and eventually retired after years as Superintendent of Schools. His wife Freda, five children and their families survive him. We extend sympathy to the family. Those who wish may donate in his name to the American Cancer Society, New England Division, Hancock Unit, PO Box 476, Brunswick, ME 04011-0476.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Frederick "Fred" Flaherty who died Dec. 23, 2012, in Ventura, Calif., where he lived with his sister Bea. He was born and grew up in Massachusetts and became a veteran of the Air Force as a First Class Airman during the Korean War. Fred worked for 20 years in the paper company in Rumford. Eventually he owned and operated Flaherty Heating and Plumbing for 25 years. In 1954 Fred married Kitty Ross. She died in 2010. Four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive them. For years Fred and Kitty lived in the farmhouse on the long turn on US Route 2 at Rumford Point.

It has been reported to us that the horror movie being filmed in a Hanover farmhouse has completed its local work. Readers may recall our telling that the house was also thought to really be haunted. Several other homes are suspected of harboring ghosts or aberrations of some sort. Someone asked if I had ever seen spirits at the cemetery. Well...um... yeah. Having spent many hours working at Hanover Cemetery there are some things that just cannot be explained. Like the time a 500-pound cemetery stone moved 60 feet from its base in mid winter with

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no tracks or slide marks showing. Sometimes you can just feel a presence nearby and glance up and see someone watching you. Look down and then up again and it is gone. Sometimes it is an old man holding a tool of some sort or it might be a woman complete with a colorless apron. This has been a cabin fever story just to ponder over and wonder "if." I wonder, too.

Donna and Clem Worcester traveled to Brewer last Sunday with Freeman Farrington of East Andover to attend a Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge meeting.

Let's hope the cold weather is on the way out of here. January has been colder this winter than we recall in recent years.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Those who ventured out in the cold on Saturday evening to the Pot

Luck Supper at the First Congregational Church had the added treat of hearing Pete Coolidge and Steve Simmons share their musical talent in a program featuring some of Pete's original songs including, "Bobby Hall: Up to Upton" and "Christmas in Snow Valley." The 50-50 was won by Michael Cintron and Jeannette Hutchins was the lucky recipient of the door prize.

The Snow Valley So-Goers Snowmobile Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse off of Route 5. Plans will be made for their annual Family Fun Day which this year will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23. The club invites all who are interested in this event to come to the meeting.

The People in Action Committee will host a free public lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the CEB dining room beginning at 12 Noon. The Andover Food Pantry will also be open that day between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m.

In the past, the First Congregational Church has hosted an evening event called dinner and a movie. The next event will be Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a dessert or snacks. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the evening.

Even though we are trapped in our houses by ice, snow and bitter cold, many of us are already turning our thoughts to spring and gardening and those of us who start seeds inside will be doing that shortly. On March 14, all gardeners are invited



DBA: The Root Cellar

Debbie Brown, owner of The Root Cellar, recently welcomed stylist Jennifer Cross. Jennifer is a graduate of Empire Beauty School in Bangor. She specializes in foil coloring, and attended cutting classes with celebrity stylist, Nick Arrojo at a Pennsylvania hair show. Jennifer is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The Root Cellar, located at 57 Main Street in Bethel, is open Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Appointments can be made by calling (207) 824-3452. Walk-ins are welcome. (Photo: Tatum Brown)

to the CEB for a program entitled, "The Spirituality of Gardening." The presenter of this experience will be the Rev. Virginia Rickman who in addition to being Pastor of the West Parish Congregational Church is also a Master Gardener. The public is invited to participate in this program beginning at 6 p.m.

Town Meeting this year will occur on Saturday, March 16, with voting for officers in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 19.

The SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 at the library.

Don't forget the fitness opportunities at the school gym on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. There is also a walk away the pounds program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Brrrr - it's minus 1 degree here at 4 a.m. (Friday, Jan. 25). The wind has

finally died down some and not howling like it was all evening. I so hope you are all dressing in layers so as to keep toasty warm as you spend time outdoors. I do not go out in this bitter cold weather unless I absolutely have to, doctor's appointment and booking dates are a must so I have to venture out.

This continuous bitter cold and frigid weather is so terrible and especially hard on the elderly, so please check in on your neighbors and family a couple of times a day.

Condolences are going out to the families of Kathy S. Grover, Bertha M. Bonney, Louise Bovin and

Roy S. Johnson, Thoughts and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved ones.

Thanks to Frank for plowing out the end of our driveway last week. He always takes a few minutes to cuff out the snow from the yard as he passes by after a storm, it's greatly appreciated. Love those neighbors who take a second or two to do something nice for someone in passing. We have some great neighbors here in the area and I'm so glad we moved back after being gone for four years.

Continued get well wishes for Betty Davis, Gerry Brown, Louise Gullford, Dotty Packard, Bobby T., Norm D. and Betty D. and to all who are not feeling quite up to par these days, and the flu and pneumonia has surely hit so many really bad this year. So for those of you who have not gotten a flu or pneumonia shot, please consider doing so - they truly do make a difference.

I so enjoyed a visit with my niece Dori last week, she spent three hours with me. I tried to teach her how to crochet - we did a very basic chain stitch and a single double crochet. She caught on quickly and was doing a good job, even loosening up her stitches so as to make the rows easier to work in.

Birthday wishes this week are going out to Carol Cox, Rhonda Cossar, Kevin Fitzmorris, Sandy Landers and Diane Hanscom.

Time for a cup of hot ovaltine and to catch the early morning news and weather.

That's all from the valley this week, enjoy each day, and have a great week.

Quote of the week: "True confession is good for the soul."

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



As January draws to a close I wonder where it stands in terms of

cold. I remember colder days, but not in recent years. We have been spoiled the last few years, but at least now I can say I have clothes that are suitable to cold weather use. That makes a big difference and I feel bad for those that do not have good winter clothes. Even though it has been uncommonly cold, I hate to think that people do not go outside because they have nothing appropriate to wear.

That having been said I did not have to work last Saturday and was a total whooos and did not go out in the cold. Sunday it was a bit warmer, and I suited up to spend the day in the cold. Hope all managed to stay somewhat warm and will continue to do so when it turns cold again.

1-31-13, 7 p.m., there will be a meeting at the Waterford Town Office about Tar Sands Oil. I am hoping to convince David to go with me. I do not drive at night on account of I can't see.

1-31-13, 10 a.m., ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library. This is a discussion meeting and new people are welcome. FMI please call 739-9115.

2-2-13, I become officially a Senior Citizen.

2-4-13, Knitting Group meets at Waterford Library 2 to 4 p.m. All level of knitters welcome. FMI 583-2050.

2-4-13, Socrates Cafe 6:30-8:30 p.m. Waterford Library.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and safe.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Greetings from a very cold and windy Albany, Maine!

Enough of these frigid temperatures; time to warm up to at least 20 degrees. The students at CPS are more than ready for an outside recess. Not sure the teachers are!

Well my water is froze up and I am spending part of the time in East Bethel with Doug and family. On Friday evening we had dinner at the Jolly Drayman Pub. The food was excellent! Saturday, Doug, Bella and I had lunch at Melby's and grocery shopping in Oxford.

Jen was at Oxford Hills for a music festival. Sunday, Jen, Bella and I went shopping in Auburn. So nice to live near my loving son, Douglas and his wonderful family. I am a very lucky old lady.

I have no idea what is, or has happened, in the rest of the community no one seems to want to share! Have a good week everyone and stay warm.

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Scott Brown at Republican dinner

The Oxford County Republican Committee is pleased to announce their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 with special guest speaker former Massachusetts Republican Senator Scott Brown. The dinner will take place at the Four Seasons Function Center in South Paris beginning with a social hour at 5 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$45 and include a full buffet dinner, a copy of Scott Brown's book "Against All Odds."

Senator Brown will also be available to sign each book and will speak about his insights on Republican politics.

Also attending and speaking at the dinner will be Assistant Minority Leader Alex Willette of Mapleton, who is the youngest to be elected to leadership in the Maine House of Representatives. He will be speaking about the importance of youth in government. The Oxford GOP is also excited to welcome Maine Humorist Gary Crocker who has been entertaining people for years with his Maine stories.

Details:

-Four Season Function Center, South Paris, Maine

-Social begins at 5 p.m.

-Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by logging on to the Oxford County Republican Website at: oxfordcountygop.org or by calling Kathleen Jackson at: (207) 890-7585. This promises to be a terrific evening and we look forward to seeing a great turnout!

U.S. Senator Scott Brown Biography: born: Sept. 1959 at Kittery, Maine

Scott Brown is the Republican from Massachusetts who in 2010 won the U.S. Senate seat held for 47 years by Democrat Ted Kennedy. Scott Brown's victory over Martha Coakley was a major upset and ended the Democratic 60-40 majority in the U.S. Senate. Brown graduated from Tufts University in 1981 and Boston College Law School in 1985. Brown grew interested in politics and in 1992 was elected as assessor for Wrentham, Mass. He was elected to the state's House of Representatives in 1998, then to the State Senate in 2004 before challenging Coakley in 2010. Scott Brown campaigned against big government and high taxes and talked tough about terrorists, saying "our tax dollars should pay for weapons to stop them, not lawyers to defend them." At first a heavy underdog, Brown gained steam as he ran and swooped to victory over Coakley on 19 January 2010 with about 52 percent of the vote. He was sworn into office as senator on 4 February 2010.

He ran for a full term in 2012, but was defeated by Democratic consumer activist Elizabeth Warren.

Scott Brown married his wife, Gail Huff, in 1986. She began working as a re-

porter for Boston TV station WCVB in 1993. They have two daughters. Scott Brown joined the Massachusetts National Guard in 1979 and over the next three decades rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Judge Advocate Generals (JAG) Corps.

Democrats meet

The Oxford County Democrats held their organizational meeting for the 2013-2014 period and re-elected Cathy Newell of Greenwood as chair, Mike Broderick of Bethel as Vice-Chair/Chair's Designee for the Democratic State Committee, and Roy Gedat of Norway as Treasurer. In other business, Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico gave a short legislative report, and plans were announced for a Volunteer Recognition event on Feb. 18 at the Oxford Casino.

A Volunteer Dinner for the Mexico Office was held on Jan. 17 at Brian's Bistro in Rumford with an excellent turnout.

A third event will be scheduled in early spring for the volunteers in Southern Oxford County including the Bridgton office volunteers.

There will also be a field trip to the Statehouse, including a visit to the Labor Mural at the Maine State Museum, on March 12, with details to be posted on the Facebook page.

There was a discussion of the upcoming redistricting process for legislative and county commissioner districts. Redistricting Commission Public Member Cathy Newell described the process and calendar.

Anyone interested in active involvement with the Oxford County Democrats may visit the organization's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems or call the chair at 875-2116.

Exhibits fund established at BHS

At the Jan. 28 meeting of the Bethel Historical Society's Board of Trustees, a resolution was passed to establish the "Gordon A. Fish Exhibits Fund" with a \$10,000 bequest recently received by the society for this purpose from his four children. This fund and any additional gifts received to support the organization's ongoing exhibits program will be added to the society's investments and the income used for the purpose intended.

A 32-year member of the Historical Society who believed strongly in its mission to preserve the history of the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire, Gordon Alvin Fish (1922-2010) was born in Berlin, N.H., the son of Alvin and Zelma (Hill) Fish. After graduating from Berlin High School in 1940, he found employment at the Berlin Foundry. A year later, he moved to Flushing, N.Y., to work

at LaGuardia Airport and, afterward, the Ford Instrument Company. On May 25, 1945, he married Joyce Whitcheer of Berlin, N.H. After a year, Gordon and Joyce moved to St. Johnsbury, Vt., where they raised four children. Gordon was employed in the Department of Engineering at Fairbanks Morse Scale Company for 40 years. In his leisure time, Gordon Fish enjoyed hiking, camping, and square dancing. He was a member of the 4,000 Footer's Club, having climbed all of the New England mountains over 4,000 feet. His love for climbing took him across the ocean for two climbing trips in Europe. During the summer, Gordon enjoyed car camping with his family and weekend trips to the family camp on North Pond, near Locke Mills. Gordon was also very involved in the Credit Union movement. He served for many years as the president of the Fairbanks Credit Union (later the Fairbanks Credit Union became the Northern Lights Credit Union). He also served as a board member of the Vermont State Credit Union League. In addition to his credit union activities, Gordon started and served as president of both the Fairbanks Activities Club and the Fairbanks Golden Age Club.

Downhill Derby at Mt. Abram

WinterKids is pleased to announce a new major fundraiser and 24 hour team ski challenge: The WinterKids Downhill Derby presented by Kittery Trading Post. This event—the first of its kind in Maine—will be hosted by Mt Abram in Greenwood. The Derby will run from noon on Saturday, March 9 until noon on Sunday, March 10. Registration, limited to just 50 teams, is now open at www.winterkids.org.

The Downhill Derby is open to teams of skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels (12 and older), with a minimum of five members per team and a maximum of 10. An \$85 registration fee gets participants entry in the event, swag bags, a Downhill Derby t-shirt, and dinner and breakfast during the event. Live bands, comedians, raffles, and plenty of coffee will keep participants fueled and entertained around the clock. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including Biggest Fundraising Team and Best Team Spirit.

The Downhill Derby aims to raise funds for WinterKids' programs, so that more Maine children can develop healthy life-long habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. In addition to corporate sponsorships and the registration fee, Derby participants will be encouraged to raise money for WinterKids through online team fundraising pages and social media outlets such as Facebook.

"The Downhill Derby

will bring together hundreds of winter enthusiasts who will support a great cause," said Julie Mulkern, WinterKids' executive director. "WinterKids is proud to serve 17,000 children each year, and the Derby is a great way to bring awareness of our mission to the state of Maine. We are excited to cheer on all of our Derby teams!"

The WinterKids Downhill Derby is proudly presented by Kittery Trading Post and supported by Portland Pie Company. WinterKids' Major Community Sponsor is Hanaford. WinterKids' Supporting Sponsors are TD Bank and L.L.Bean.

For more information please visit www.winterkids.org.

Bethel WinterFest

Three weekends of winter fun planned for Bethel WinterFest, Feb. 9-24, presented by Norway Savings Bank and Sunday River Resort.

"Snowcano" set to erupt Feb. 16.

Bethel is known for being a winter playland, and each year, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce rallies locals and visitors alike to celebrate the season during Bethel WinterFest. This year, the Chamber is planning three weekends of winter fun around a Snowcano—a "volcano" made of snow.

Volunteers are currently building the Snowcano at the lot between the Parkway and Cross Street in Bethel, known as Festival Plaza. It consists of tree-length logs bundled together and stacked on end with a huge cone-shaped pile of snow pushed up around them. The height will be approximately 40 feet. The logs will be lit on fire via a tunnel dug at the base of the snow pile. Flames and sparks will shoot from the peak, creating the effect of an erupting volcano. WinterFest is sponsored by Sunday River and Norway Savings Bank, with Sunday River also providing assistance with snowmaking and grooming.

This year's WinterFest will take place over three weekends in February. Festivities include:

Thursday, Feb. 7 – WinterFest kick-off party at 22 Broad Street, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9 – The snow hill that comprises the Snowcano will officially open to the public for sledding.

Saturday, Feb. 16 – The Snowcano will "erupt" at 6:30 p.m. The sledding hill will be open all day.

Saturday, Feb. 23 – Free snowshoe demos available 10 a.m.-3 p.m. courtesy of True North Adventureware. An easy snowshoe walk will leave from Festival Plaza at 1 p.m.

Free snow groomer rides leaving from Festival Plaza provided by GreenStock SnowSports snowmobile club 1-3 p.m.

Sledding hill open all day.

At 6 p.m., the RailWars

rail jam will feature the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders showing off their moves on jumps and rails set into the side of the Snowcano. For more information or to sign up, contact Nate Clukey at 381-7417.

WinterFest organizers encourage the community to get in the spirit of WinterFest by building snowmen, snow women, and snowcreatures at home and throughout the town, then submitting photos to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bethelarea). Submissions will be accepted from Feb. 9-23. Submissions will be judged on effort and creativity, and winners will be announced at the RailWars rail jam on Feb. 23. The winner will take home a cash prize of \$100 and the runner up will receive a \$50 gift card to Nabors, a local gift shop.

Sledders of all ages are welcome; however, participants must bring their own sleds and sled at their own risk.

Many other events are planned throughout town during the two-week period, including alpine and Nordic skiing events, snowshoeing, and family activities at venues including Sunday River, Mt. Abram, The Bethel Inn Resort, Carter's XC Ski Center, and the Outdoor Center. A complete list of events is available at www.bethelwinterfest.com.

WinterFest is organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Town of Bethel. For information on where to stay, eat, and play in the Bethel area, visit www.bethelmaine.com.

Prime Time Ski Club

The Prime Time Ski Club members were a cool group of skiers this past week, figuratively and literally, but a hard core group of skiers was there every day shrugging off cold toes and fingers, sticking on toe warmers, stuffing hand warmers into mittens and trekking over to the venerable triple lift to Spruce where the arctic wind is somewhat diminished. There were no complaints from us. The skiing was excellent. The snow was groomed, dry and immanently carveable. The skiing was often solitary, the lift chairs empty, creating the sensation that one was alone on a remote wind-blown mountain. Those that skied had five great, if somewhat shortened, days of skiing accompanied by friends and hot cocoa at lunch. When (and if) the weather warms up this coming week, we are all going to feel slightly crowded on the Sunday River slopes.

Our website is www.primetimeskiclub.com.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. We meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily

ski groups of members based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

Veterans No Boundaries

Twenty-five disabled military veterans, most of whom were injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, will participate in the Veterans No Boundaries program at Sunday River this weekend. The program take place Feb. 1 through 4 and this year's event will involve alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and a number of other activities at Sunday River, the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center and various other locations throughout the Bethel area.

Veterans No Boundaries is a program of Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation (Maine Adaptive) that provides recreational activities to veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities who require adaptive instruction, equipment and/or support in order to participate in sports. The Veterans No Boundaries program is held twice a year for veterans to help them either return to a sport or try a sport for the first time after becoming disabled. The program also seeks to involve family members and caregivers. Like all Maine Adaptive programs, the weekend and program is entirely free of charge for all attendees and many will be bringing family members to participate with them this weekend.

Participants will arrive in Maine from throughout the country beginning Thursday evening and will stay through Monday afternoon. Roughly fifteen of the veterans in this year's program sustained significant injuries during combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. That list includes veterans from Saco, Dover Foxcroft, Gorham, Gardiner and Bethel in Maine, as well as others from New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.

Veterans No Boundaries also will benefit from a strategic partnership with the Fisher House Foundation and the Hero Miles program, a service that provides free round-trip airfare to wounded, injured and ill military men and women, and/or their families, who are undergoing treatment at a military or VA medical center, and to attend authorized events. Flights are made possible through frequent flyer mile donations made by individual airline passengers. Five veterans and several of their guests will be flying to Maine using Hero Miles to participate in the program.

Another exciting repeat feature of this year's program is a biathlon demonstration on Saturday at the Sunday River Outdoor Center with two-time Olympic biathlete Kristina Sabasteanski, also a military veteran (US Army) herself.

For more information please visit www.maineadaptive.org, or call (800) 639-7770.



OPENING DAY- Tuesday was opening day at The Local Hub on Main St. in Locke's Mills. The store is owned by Janet and Nick Bartlett of Bethel. Here, Sarah Bryan makes wood-fired pizza for them from her portable wood-fired oven. The pizzas will be available Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(Photo: Betsy Foster)



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO AREA COLLEGE STUDENTS-The Rotary Club of Bethel awarded scholarships to area college students at its Jan. 8 meeting. Twelve students were presented with scholarships, nine traditional and three Rocky Freda Memorial scholarships. Each year Telstar High School seniors receive a packet of scholarship applications, which includes the Rotary Club of Bethel applications. Once selected, the students are presented with the scholarship at an awards ceremony. The funds are awarded to the students after successfully completing their first semester of college and show intent to continue with their schooling. Pictured are, from left: Kevin Finley, Scholarship Chairperson; Susan Newkirk (Rocky Freda award recipient), Emily Bellinger, Karen White (Rocky Freda award recipient), Abbie Goldberg, Britany Douglass; Back row: Daniel Whitney, Trenton Bonney (Rocky Freda award recipient), Kyle Peterson, Jeb Clarke. Recipients unable to attend the meeting: Adam Mahar, Kallie Brown and Molly Siegel.

Sports

High School Alpine Skiing

Giant Slalom at Sunday River; Jan. 17 – Telstar stats: Boys: Greg Wheeler 1:49.18, 14th place; Aaron Speakman 1:50.04, 16th. Girls: Gabrielle Stone 1:55:45, 16th place. "It was a pretty good turnout for the giant slalom race at Sunday River, with 100 racers competing. The weather was good and the course was fast. Sunday River does an incredible job setting up the course and running the event." – Coach John Eliot.

Leavitt Invitational Giant Slalom at Black Mountain; Jan. 21 – Telstar stats: Boys: Greg Wheeler 1:49.58, 30th place; Aaron Speakman 1:55.15, 37th; Liam Gallagher 1:55.31, 42nd. Austin Bear and Cameron Rothwell continued to improve. Nick Johnson had a good first run, but fell on his second. Girls: Gabrielle Stone 1:55.25, 23rd place; Ana Tyrina 2:01.56, 33rd; Annalise Hawthorne 2:10.39, 50th. "It was a cold morning, but the course was in good shape. This was the largest race of the year. The Rebel team will race at nearby Mt. Abram on Friday, Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m." – Coach John Eliot.

High School Nordic Skiing

Sassi Memorial 5k/J2 Qualifier at Black Mountain; Jan. 26 – Telstar Stats: Boys: Greg Wheeler 21:04, 150th place; Nicholas Johnson 21:21, 158th; Aaron Speakman 22:01, 171st; Liam Gallagher 22:03, 172nd. Girls: Gabi Stone 22:24, 90th place; Rachael Wheeler 23:07, 103rd; Kaitlyn Brown 23:58, 23:58; Annalise Hawthorne 26:33, 159th; Aislinn Forbes 29:04, 192nd; Tabitha Corriveau 42:03, 213th.

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Dixfield 45, Telstar 18; Jan. 22–Telstar scorers: Brooke Richardson 4; Hannah Evans 3; Maria Rodrigues 2; Allivia Chappie 2; Sadie Richardson 2; Madison Roberts 2, Katie Turnick 1.

Carrabec 45; Telstar 9; Jan. 28– Telstar scorers: Maria Rodrigues 4; Madison Roberts 4.

Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball

Last year's champions, the Laid Back Installers, gained an advantage in the battle for first place this past week as Hotel Rumford wore out the Bethel Bobcats in the matchup of the day. LBI (8-1) won by way of a forfeit against the Thundercats (0-9), and took a one-game lead over Hotel Rumford and Bethel, who are now both at 7-2. In other action, an undermanned Black Bear Industries (3-6) played slow-down ball and controlled Archie's (2-7) in the end for a 67-59 win. Army veteran, Corey Provencher, paced BBI with 26 points, and was supported by Craig Jacques with 17 points. Kevin Provost and Dave Hodgkins contributed 11 each. Archie's got double-digit effort from Brett Archibald with 17 points, Isaac Roberts with 22, and Jerrod Chessie with 10. The big matchup brought Bethel and Hotel Rumford on a collision course. The game was fast paced and aggressive from the start with the Hotel using their poise to pull away with a convincing 92-72 victory. Bethel won the first contest earlier in the



Rachael Wheeler skis in the Sassi Memorial Cross-Country Race in Rumford. (Photo: Peter Pepin)

year with a spirited victory, but their spirits were dulled with a strong performance by Andy Shorey, Jr. who controlled the boards, was a defensive stopper, and also contributed a strong 20 points from the inside. Aaron St. Pierre was the point leader with 31 points, including five threes. The Hotel also got great support from Kevin Gallant (15 points, five threes), Craig Milledge (13 points and a solid floor game), and Scott New (12 points off the bench). Bethel's Sean Caddigan and Matt Zetts led their team with 16 points each, and Ryan Savage was next with 10. Sunday, Feb. 3, has another great matchup with LBI and Bethel playing at 11:30 a.m. That game is preceded by Archie's and Hotel Rumford at 10 a.m., and followed by the Thundercats and Black Bear Industries at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 31

10 a.m. – ACOA Meeting, Waterford Library. It is a discussion group, and open to new people. FMI: 739-9115.
7 p.m. – Tar and Sands Oil Meeting, Waterford town office. Ray Holmes will answer questions. FMI: 583-6613.

Friday, Feb. 1

5 to 7 p.m. – Art Opening at Artistic Endeavors, 171 Main Street, Norway. Open House to feature works of art from Françoise (Lougette) Fetchko. Open to the public free of charge.

Saturday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. – New England Telemark Festival, Mt. Abram. Clinics, rentals, lessons, demos, and a Telemark only Giant Slalom race event. Giveaways and live music all day.
10 a.m. – Annual Oxford Hills Sprint Races, Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Air-rifle biathlon rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 3. Roberts Farm Preserve trails closed to the public from Friday, Feb. 1 at noon through Sunday, Feb. 3 at noon.
5 p.m. – Full Moon Hike, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Sunday, Feb. 3

9 a.m. – Air-Rifle Biathlon, Roberts Farm Preserve. Skiers 14 and under will ski three 1k loops, shooting targets and required penalty laps between. Skiers over 14 will ski three 2k loops. FMI: 739-2124.
11 a.m. – Upton Ladies Aid Association Meeting, Ladies Aid Building, Upton.
2 p.m. – High Altitude, the Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic's Rock Band at the St. Kieran's Art Center. Featuring something for everyone including current pop tunes, oldies, country, acoustic and electric pieces. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated. FMI: (603) 752-1028.

Monday, Feb. 4

1 to 2:30 p.m. – Introduction to Genealogy, Norway Memorial Library. Introductory workshop on the basics of genealogy research and using your local and state libraries to help research family history. To register call 743-5309 ext. 1 or stop by the library's information desk.
2 to 4 p.m. – Knitting Group Meeting, Waterford Library. All levels of knitters welcome. FMI: 583-2050.
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – A Socrates Café Gathering, Waterford Library. Topic: "Who controls our ground water?" Moderated by Earl Morse. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

9:30 a.m. – Online Buying Club Workshop sponsored by the Western Mountains Alliance, Boondocks Buying Club, and Local Food Connection at the Bethel Alliance Church. Open to farmers interested in supplying the Boondocks Buying Club or using online marketing tools. Lunch will be provided. Space limited. Contact Tricia Cook (778-3885) or (tcook@westernmountainsalliance.org) by Feb. 4 to register.
7 p.m. – Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Meeting, Sno-Goers clubhouse, Andover. Plans for the upcoming Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 23 will be discussed. All interested are invited to attend.
7 p.m. – Tar Sands Oil Meeting, Harrison Village Library. Speaker, Earl Morse, will discuss plans to pump tar sands oil through Harrison via the Portland Pipe Line Company's pipeline and potential environmental and economic impact. FMI: Mike Dunn (583-6746) or Lee Margolin (743-9808).

Thursday, Feb. 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. – Good Strong Heart: Women and Heart Disease, presented by cardiologist, Dr. Daniel van Buren, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Public invited. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – WinterFest Kick-Off Party, 22 Broad Street.

6:30 p.m. – Thursday Night Documentary and Dessert Film Series, "Symphony of the Soil" presented by the Local Food Connection at Café DiCocoa (next to the market). FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189) or (aefscott@gmail.com).

Saturday, Feb. 9

All Day – Sledding on Snowcano Hill, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bring your own sleds and sled at your own risk. Open to the public.

9 a.m. – State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting at the Upton House.

1 p.m. – Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop, Oxford County Extension Center, South Paris. Speaker: President of Maine State Bee Association and Master Bee Keeper, Carol Cottrell. Topic: Wintering bees. Public is welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farout@roadrunner.net).

7 p.m. – First Annual Cause for Laughter at Mt. Abram. Performances by comedians Kate Carroll, Jordan Handren, and Mike Metevier. Auction, raffle, and 50/50. Proceeds to benefit the "Tucker and Ava Fund." A 21+ event. Admission: \$20. FMI: Kate Carroll (824-2145) or Sue Dunn (838-9808).

7 p.m. – Award Winning Magician Illusionist George Saterial, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$8/adults, \$4/children. FMI/Ticket purchases: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or 935-9232.
7 to 10 p.m. – Swingin' Bears Square Dance, Oxford Hills Middle School, South Paris. Darrel Sprague calling for the square dancing and Carol Stewart Arsenault cueing for the round dancing. Refreshments, door prizes, and a Pot O' Gold drawing at intermission. Admission: \$6. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050).

Sunday, Feb. 10

2 to 4 p.m. – Chocolate Festival, Bethel Inn and Country Club. Sample delicious chocolate desserts with coffee or hot cocoa. Admission: \$5. Proceeds to benefit Telstar Class of 2013.

2 to 4 p.m. – Alan Day Community Garden Organizational Meeting, Fare Share Commons, Norway. Organic bulk seed order. Sign up for garden plots. Projects and workshops.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

9 to 10 a.m. – Andover Food Pantry is open.
12 p.m. – Free Public Luncheon by People in Action, CEB dining room, Andover.
6 to 7:30 p.m. – TMS Mid-Year Open House. Meeting in the Telstar auditorium before breaking out into grade-level meetings.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

11 a.m. – Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting (Location Change). The meeting will be held at the Black Diamond instead of the Funky Red Barn. Menu: Turkey dinner. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

6 p.m. – Public Hearing for Proposed Bethel Dog Park, Bethel Town Office.

Thursday, Feb. 14

7 p.m. – One Billion Rising – Moving Our World – Rise Up and Dance to End Violence, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

Friday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Grant/Grant Program Workshop Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. Sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Maine Arts Commission. Free of charge. Includes lunch. Limited to 12 participants working through six 15-minute segments.

Saturday, Feb. 16

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Child Safety Seat Inspection Norway Fire Department. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free hands-on seat inspections.

10 a.m. – Guided Snowshoe Trek, Sunday River Valley Gentle walk featuring naturalist Rick Churchill's observations. Snowshoes necessary. Rentals available. Meet at the Sunday River Inn. Parking across the street.
5 p.m. – Upton Ladies Aid Dinner, Ladies Aid Building, Upton. Dinner will feature German fare.

5 p.m. – Oxford County Republican Committee Lincoln Day Dinner, Four Season Function Center South Paris. Guest speaker: Former Massachusetts Republican Senator, Scott Brown. Tickets for the event are \$45 and include a full buffet dinner and copy of Scott Brown's book, "Against All Odds." FMI/tickets Kathleen Jackson (890-7585) or visit oxfordcountygop.org.

6:30 p.m. – Snowcano Eruption, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. The Snowcano is a bonfire built inside a huge snow pile — when lit, the flames and sparks create a volcano-effect. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Feb. 18

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Safe Sitter Class, Harpel Conference Building, Ripley Medical Office Building Norway. Medically accurate, hands-on instruction program to teach babysitters ages 11+ to handle emergencies. Safe Sitters learn: Infant and child CPR choking procedure, how to call for emergency help, basic child care skills, and more. Cost: \$50. FMI/registration 743-1562 ext. 6951.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Living With Alzheimer's for Caregivers presented by Alzheimer's Association program director Bill Kirkpatrick at the Rumford Community Home, 1 John F. Kennedy Lane. RSVP to Sue Ellen Richardson (364-7863).

Thursday, Feb. 21

6:30 p.m. – Thursday Night Documentary and Dessert Film Series "What's on Your Plate?" presented by the Local Food Connection at Café DiCocoa (next to the market). FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189) or (aefscott@gmail.com).

Saturday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Free Snowshoe Demos courtesy of True North Adventureware. An easy snowshoe walk will depart Festival Plaza at 1 p.m.

1 to 3 p.m. – Free Snow Groomer Rides, leaving from Festival Plaza, provided by GreenStock SnowSports snowmobile club.

6 p.m. – Bethel Winterfest RAILWARS Snowano Rai Jam, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. See some of the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders show off their best moves under the lights.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

2:30 p.m. – Autism Forum Presented by Aimee Cecile DesRoches, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Gather a Hope Association in pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. FMI call 364-4561.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:
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and Saturday 1-4:30 pm;
Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm.
Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:
Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5;
Wednesday 1-8; Thursday
& Friday 1-5 Saturday,
9-1. Story Hour Thurs-
days, 9 to 10 a.m., October
to May. Tel: 824-2520.

**Whitman Memorial
Library, Bryant Pond:**
Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and
Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,
West Paris: Monday
1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7;
Friday 1:30-6; Saturday
10-2.
Patty Makley, Librarian.
Tel: 674-2004

**Gardner Roberts
Memorial Library,**
Hanover: Wednesday,
9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Satur-
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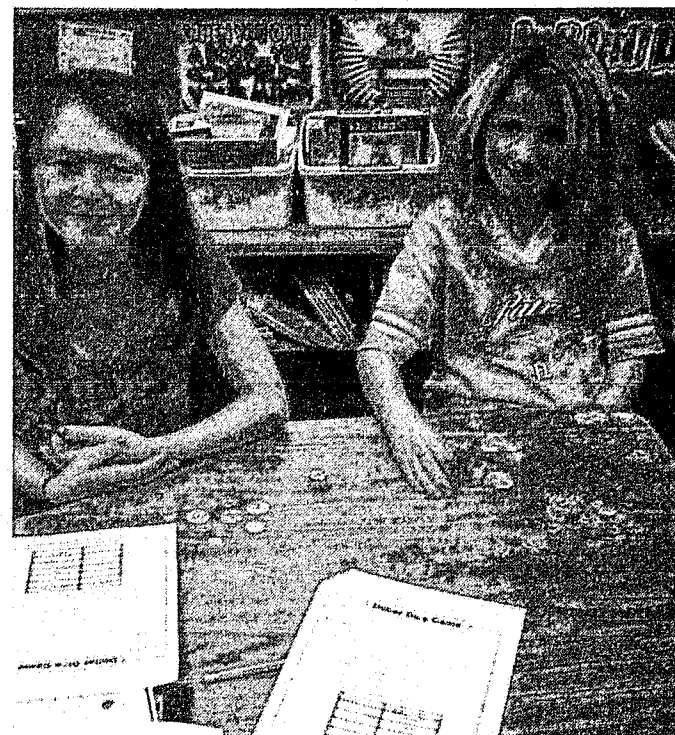
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ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



NEW FLAGS FOR AES-The members of the Andover Elementary School student council recently wrote a letter to Senator John Patrick asking how their school may be able to acquire new flags to replace the existing ones that were very faded and worn. They were thrilled when he responded in person to present the school with two new flags. An American flag and State of Maine flag were donated by the Senator. Pictured are: Dee Nadeau AES student council advisor, Angela Cintron, Dylan Duclos, Senator John Patrick, Perry Morton. Absent: Nyia Dixon.

CRESCENT PARK

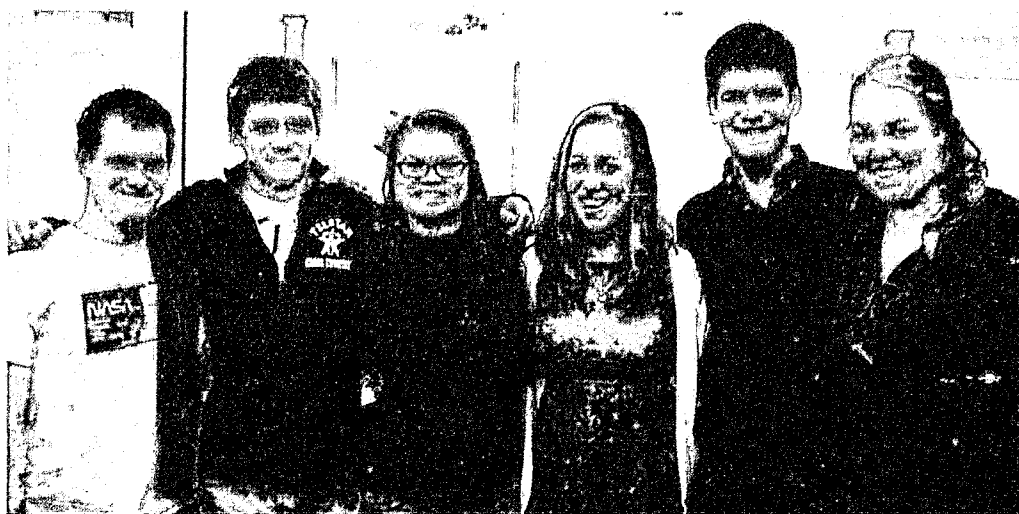


Maya Taylor and Jordan Berry, students in Brenda Wight's third grade classroom at CPS playing a money game to practice counting money.

TELSTAR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



The Telstar High and Middle School Music Departments presented their annual winter concert last week. The event was postponed from before Christmas because of snowy weather. Here, the THS Band performs.



Telstar H.S. Alumni from the Classes of 2009 and 2012 recently returned to Telstar High School for a THS Alumni and Career Experience Day. All spoke in several classes, followed by a panel presentation, during the Student of the Month Assembly. Alumni attendees participants included: Kallie Brown (Class of 2012) St. Michael's College in Vermont; Brianna Douglass (Class of 2009) University of Maine at Farmington; Britany Douglass (Class of 2012) Univ. of Maine at Farmington; Matthew Keane - Embrey Riddle University of Aeronautics in Florida; Casey Kellner; Adam Mahar - Cornell University; James Picirillo - Emerson College in Boston. Pictured are, from left: Keane, Mahar, Brown, Britany Douglass, Picirillo and Brianna Douglass.



The Telstar Middle School December Super Heroes were, from left: Grade 8: Joey Mason, Grade 7: Rebecca Morin, Grade 6: Emalee Harrington, for being shining examples to our student body.



WOOD TECH PROJECT
Justin Hamilton, Savannah Blood, and Josh Billings are members of Tim O'Connor's Telstar High School Wood Tech class. They helped make boxes for a little girl with cancer at CPS. The boxes will be at the three different hospitals for cards.

TMS Sixth-Graders in reading challenge

Sixth Grade RAP groups participated in Scholastic's PAWS For Reading challenge. Students could choose to read for the dogs team or the cats team. Each RAP group logged their outside of school reading minutes on the website. A graph was posted in the hallway so that students could see which RAP group was in the lead. By taking part in the challenge, the sixth graders helped Scholastic donate one million books to kids in need. Congratulations to Ms. Russell's Kooky Kows for logging the most minutes, 36,308. All of the sixth grade RAP groups combined read 109,474 minutes.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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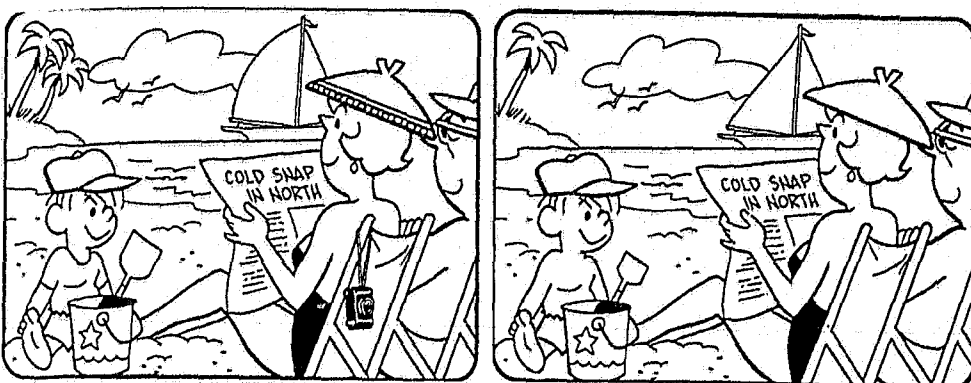
For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.com

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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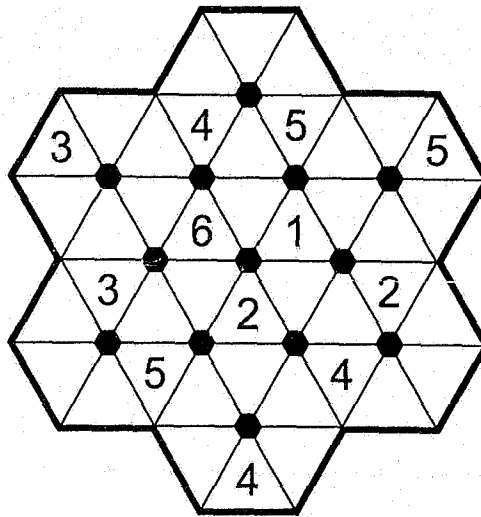
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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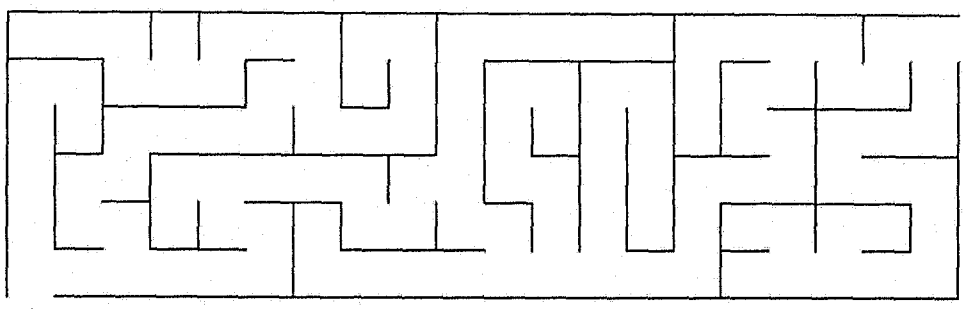
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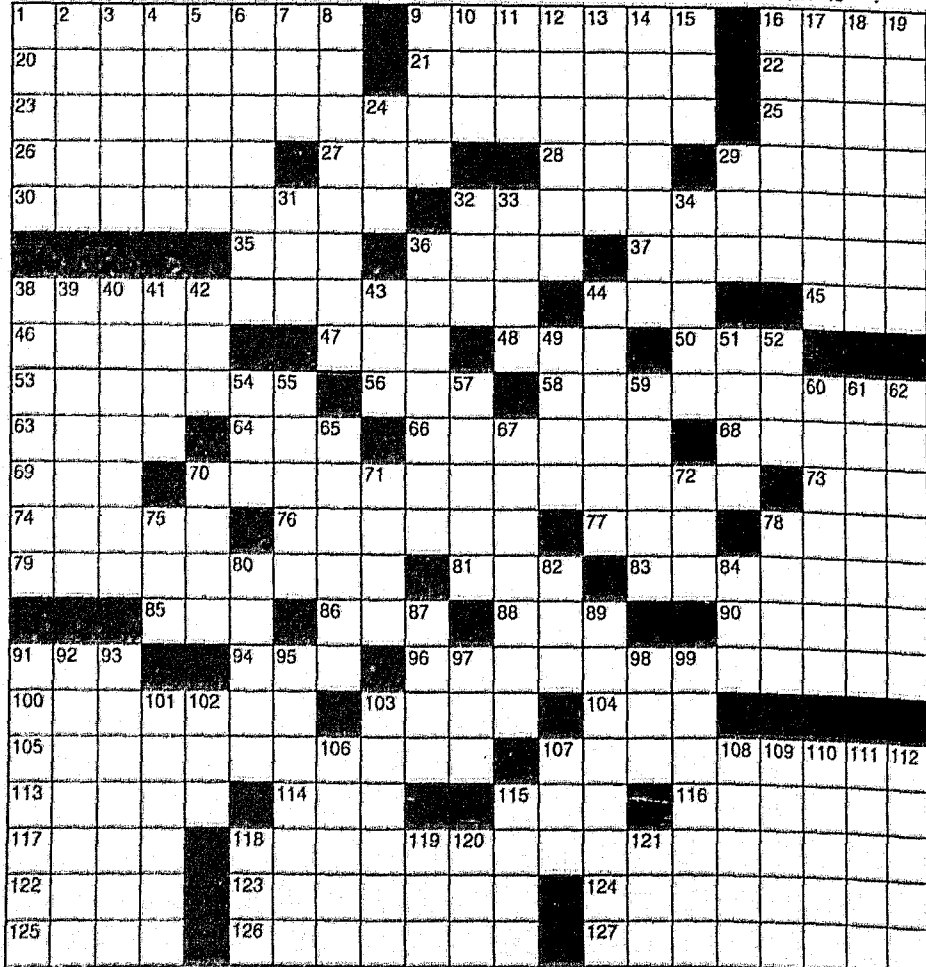


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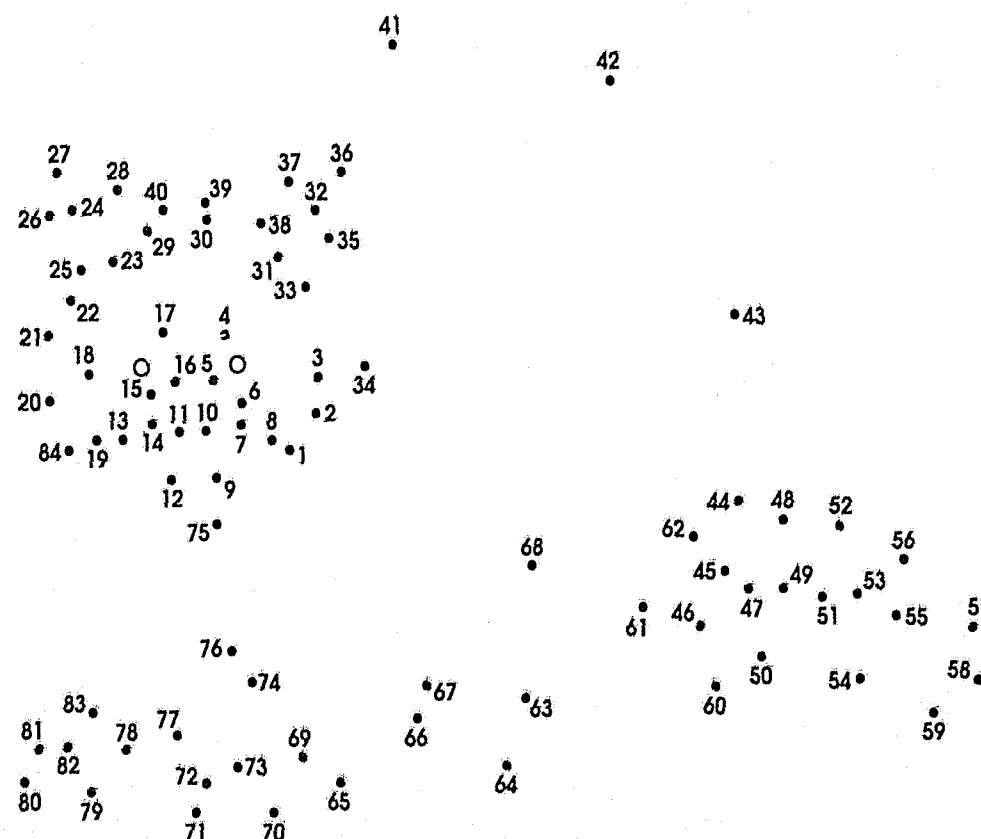
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 - 26 "Grand" instruments
 - 27 Speak ill of, in slang
 - 28 O.J. Simpson
 - 29 Cuban salsa singer
 - 30 People who may share armrests
 - 32 ... the Symphony
 - 35 McKellen of "Scandal"
 - 36 Like the pope: Abbr.
 - 37 Become laryngitic
 - 38 Organized crime
 - 44 Wd. with the same meaning
 - 45 Luggage screeners' org.
 - 46 Lobbies with glass ceilings
 - 47 Ease off
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 - 50 Señora
 - 53 Gaffer's first stroke
 - 56 ... jongg
 - 58 ... Modern China
 - 63 S&L options
 - 64 TV actress
 - 66 Ease off
 - 68 "False"
 - 69 Tantrum
 - 70 ... Country Music
 - 73 Lady Liberty's land
 - 74 Win by — (barely triumph)
 - 76 Clay worker
 - 77 Univ. e-mail ending
 - 78 Garden of —
 - 79 ... History
 - 81 Nestlé's — Caps
 - 83 Napping audibly
 - 85 Wear for a messy meal
 - 86 Small inlet
 - 88 Employer of many CPAs
 - 90 Dorothy, lo Em
 - 91 Father's Day honorees
 - 94 Exam room noises
 - 96 ... Modern Genetics
 - 100 Tremendous
 - 103 Actor
 - 104 "The Raven"
 - 105 ... Fitness
 - 107 Libra
 - 113 Shaw of jazz
 - 114 Former Ford
 - 115 "Either he goes — go"
 - 116 Iroquois tribe
 - 117 Early 16th-century year
 - 118 ... the United States
 - 122 Centuries on end
 - 123 Off base with permission
 - 124 It offers goods under a canvas shelter
 - 125 Hong Kong's Hang — Index
 - 126 Dawdled
 - 127 Playful marine mammal
 - 21 Readies, briefly
 - 2 Falcon's nest
 - 3 Largest city in Yemen
 - 4 Exhausted
 - 5 Derby city
 - 6 Leave port
 - 7 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 8 Wisdom
 - 9 Cross words
 - 10 Suffix with brilliant
 - 11 32nd prez
 - 12 Dumb and clumsy
 - 13 Bill worth 100 cents
 - 14 Wasteful
 - 15 Was ahead
 - 16 Folded-over page corner
 - 62 Hardly the saintly type
 - 65 Secret love affairs
 - 67 More hokey, as a joke
 - 70 "Star Wars" knight
 - 71 "Who's there?" reply
 - 72 Quick trot
 - 75 Cry out loud
 - 78 Activist
 - 80 Malia or Sasha
 - 82 The "O" of NATO: Abbr.
 - 84 Not divided
 - 87 "Son of —!"
 - 89 Clever, specious reasoners
 - 91 Crib clothes
 - 92 Prize getter
 - 93 Division
 - 95 Modern Greek
 - 97 Mr. — (old whodunit game)
 - 98 Caviar base
 - 99 Loggins & — ("Your Mama Don't Dance" duo)
 - 101 Aspen sport
 - 102 Bulling holler
 - 103 — Dona (ill-fated liner)
 - 106 Bikini Island, e.g.
 - 107 Lit syllable
 - 108 Italian for "hundred"
 - 109 Neurotic worrying
 - 110 Unleash upon
 - 111 School, in Pars
 - 112 More rational
 - 115 Felt behind financially
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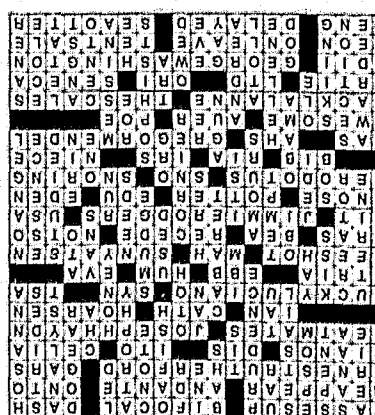
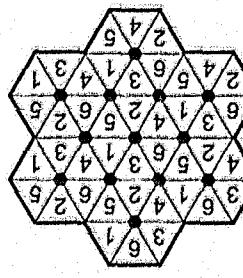


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Marilyn L. Cassidy to Glenn C. Walker and Elizabeth A. Fairchild of Rye, N.H., condominium at Map R4 Lot 102-33. \$215,000; Oct. 31, 2012.

Russell K. and Sallie F. Dunning to Aaron Lee-man of Portland, property at 18 Follamsbee Road. \$165,000; Nov. 2, 2012.

Jacques N. Morin to Paul F. and Janice M. Klaus of Forest Lake, MN., land at Lot 23 Powder Ridge Sub-division. \$139,000; Nov. 6, 2012.

Patey Boulder Top Nomin-nee Trust to The Mary A. Schwartz Living Trust of Lynnfield, Mass., property at 56 Sunday Punch Road. \$380,000; Nov. 13, 2012.

Jonathan G. and Rebecca S.C. Jaques to Paul R. and

Dawn E. Durocher of Scarborough, condominium at Fall Line Drive. \$128,000; Nov. 23, 2012.

Maine Mountain Properties LLC to Edward H. and Kellie J. Crantz of Hopkinton, Mass.; land at Lot 28, The Peaks Subdivision. \$210,000; Nov. 28, 2012.

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Roger E. Drouin to Ronald W. Braun of Stafford Springs, Conn., property at 461 Main Street. \$113,500; Oct. 26, 2012.

Debra Germain to Crystal and Frank Duguay of Mexico, land and building on South Arm Road. \$43,000; Sept. 28, 2012.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Peter R. Spooner of Webster, Mass., property at 38 Pine Street. \$30,000; Oct. 19, 2012.

David L. White to Jarrod P. and Jolene P. Dumas of Andover. Property for \$120,000; July 16, 2012.

Obituaries

CHARLES N. SEASHORE

Charles N. Seashore, 80, died on Jan. 20, 2013, surrounded by his family at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, Calif.

He was born June 19, 1932 to Robert and Marjorie Seashore in Eugene, Ore., raised in Wilmette, Ill., and graduated from New Trier High School and University of Colorado. In 1961, he earned a PhD in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan.

In 1957, Charlie went to Bethel, Maine, as a research assistant at the National Training Laboratories (NTL) Institute. There, he fell in love with Bethel, group dynamics, and Edie Whitfield. Charlie and Edie married in 1961. He held faculty positions at Fielding Graduate University, American University/NTL Masters Program in Organization Development, the Washington School of Psychiatry, and Johns Hopkins University. He worked as an executive coach and an organizational consultant for over 40 years in Washington, D.C. He also served as president of the Lewin Institute for Social Change, Action and Research.

Charlie was best known

for his outstanding sense of humor and creativity, his love of people, and his ability to create a community out of any gathering. He recently wrote a six-word memoir: "Born to fix - people, things, situations." Among his many talents were juggling, accordion playing, unicycle commuting and becoming an Eagle Scout.

Charlie is survived by his wife and treasured collaborator of 55 years, Edie Seashore; his daughters, Becky (May) and Kim (Seashore) and their husbands CJ May and Jeff Hobson; his brother and sister, Dick and Marjorie Seashore; and his grandchildren Natalie, Nick, and Ella May and Benjamin and Nathan Seashore Hobson. He will be remembered and missed by his many graduate students, colleagues, and friends around the world.

Donations in Charlie's memory can be made to scholarship funds in his name at Fielding Graduate University or NTL Institute.

Memorial services will be held late February in Berkeley, Calif.; early March in Washington, D.C.; and July in Bethel, Maine, where his remains will be laid to rest.



VERNA G. THAYER

Verna Grover Thayer, 94, of Mason Township, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

She was born in Mason Township, Aug. 25, 1918, the third of 11 children to Eli Arthur Grover and Ella Garey Grover. Verna graduated from Gould Academy in 1936. She married George D. Thayer, lived in South Paris and operated the Norway Home Bakery from mid 1940s until the late 1960s.

The Bakery was on Main Street in Norway. Verna and Dewey used to give leftover bakery goods to family members still on

the farm both for people and the pigs. She lived in Port Clyde from 1968 until 1983, while she worked as a legal secretary for Strout, Payson and Pelicani in Rockland, while Dewey was town manager for Tenants Harbor.

Verna retired back to Mason Township in 1984, and lived there until she moved to Ledgeview in West Paris in 2009. She and Dewey spent several winters in Florida, where they stayed with sister-in-law, Dorothy Grover.

Verna was a very good bridge player and played in several bridge clubs in the Bethel area. She loved card games of all kinds. She was a member of the West Bethel Union Church, the Pleasant Valley Grange (West Bethel), and a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron in Tenants Harbor.

She always helped other members of the family, giving of her time and money when she had some. She grew up on a hardscrabble farm in Mason; and as a teenager worked summers as housekeeper for the Hastings Farm in Gilead. She used part of her earn-

ings to buy school clothing for her 8 younger brothers and sisters.

She is survived by brothers, Stanley and Richard Grover; her sister, Margaret "Peggy" Perham; her son, Charles Thayer; her grandchildren, Scott Thayer, Steve Thayer, Tracyn Thayer, Darren Thayer, Matt Thayer and Michael Thayer; her great-grandchildren, Bonnie Thayer, Jessica Gowen, Justin Thayer, Shannon Thayer, Maya Thayer, Alexandria Thayer, Dylan Greenberg, Jackson Thayer, Isaac Greenberg, Brooklyn Thayer and Madison Thayer; and great-great-grandchildren, Gabriel Gowen, Grace and Greta Beckard and Audrey Shaffer.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Paul, Walter, Rupert, Ernest, Howard, Robert and Ralph Grover; her husband, George "Dewey" Thayer; her son, Ernest Powers Thayer; and grandson, Gregory Ernest Thayer.

Services will be held in the springtime and date to be announced.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Births

Joseph and Angela Trybus of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emmie Doris Trybus, born on Nov. 30, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

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Paternal grandparent is Donna Staples, Chicago, Ill. Great-grandparent is Helen Crammer of Riverside, N.J.

Emmie joins her sister, Kaylee, age 13, and brothers, Quentin, age 7, and Derrik, age 3.

Richard and Martha Maier of Easton, Penn., are delighted to announce the arrival of Gabriel Kirkpatrick Maier on Dec. 11, 2012 in Allentown, Penn.

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Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Cathy Newell of Locke Mills and paternal grandparents are Bob and Mary Maier of Green Valley, Ariz.

Trista Monn and Matthew Zetts of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Miley Mae Zetts, born on Dec. 29, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Angel Monn of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Andy Zetts of San Diego, Calif., and Mary Holibeak of Richmond, Va.

Our little one joins her sister, Morgan Olivia Zetts, 17.

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With your passport you can stay at the King's Hill Inn B&B in South Paris and enjoy meals in Norway at Tucker's Pub, Café Nomad or 76 Pleasant Street and Restaurant Maurice in South Paris.

Use your passport to shop at Books N Things, Painted Mermaid Gallery and Frost Farm Gallery

and check out art by Western Maine artists at the Western Maine Art Group and Commons Art Collective in downtown Norway.

Add a performance at Celebration Barn or Art Moves to your itinerary.

Make Bethel the focus of a weekend getaway or two.

Use your passport to stay at the River View Resort or the Bethel Inn and enjoy dining at Rooster's Roadhouse or get great BBQ from Smokin' Good BBQ.

Get ready to shop! Your passport offers many options: Bonnema Pottery, Elements Art Gallery, Ruthie's Boutique, Good Food Store, Artistic Endeavors Gallery and Framing, Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, True North Adventureware.

And, enjoy a performance at Bingham Auditorium at Gould Academy sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Explore Franklin County and the River Valley with

your passport and stay at the Wilson Lake Inn. During the day visit Washburn-Norlands Living History Center.

The choices for evening entertainment are amazing and diverse: Celtic music at Skye Theater Performing Arts Center in Carthage, a magic show at 49 Franklin in Rumford, a musical performance at the Kingfield POPS or with the Arts Institute of Western Maine at Nordica Auditorium in Merrill Hall at the University of Maine at Farmington.

You will even want to use the Passport to attend the first ever Celtic Crossroads International Festival to be held Sept. 11-15 in a variety of performance halls in Western Maine. Save \$5 on a ticket to the concert of your choice.

So, buy the Passport now, give it as a gift this Valentine's Day, and enjoy arts, entertainment, and the best of Western Maine for the rest of the year.

Nathanael Bradford Thibodeau

6-2-1980 - 2-6-2012

A year has passed since our son left us. To all of you who have given our love, caring and support to us, we return our heartfelt love and thanks. And to Nathanael - we will love you always.

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Eddie Gammon Sr.

TO ALL NEWRY RESIDENTS

You are invited to a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, February 4th 2013 6:00pm at the Newry Town Office

"PUBLIC HEARING" Changes to the Unified Development Review Ordinance



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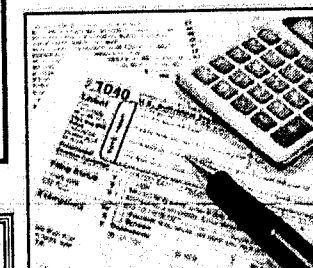
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